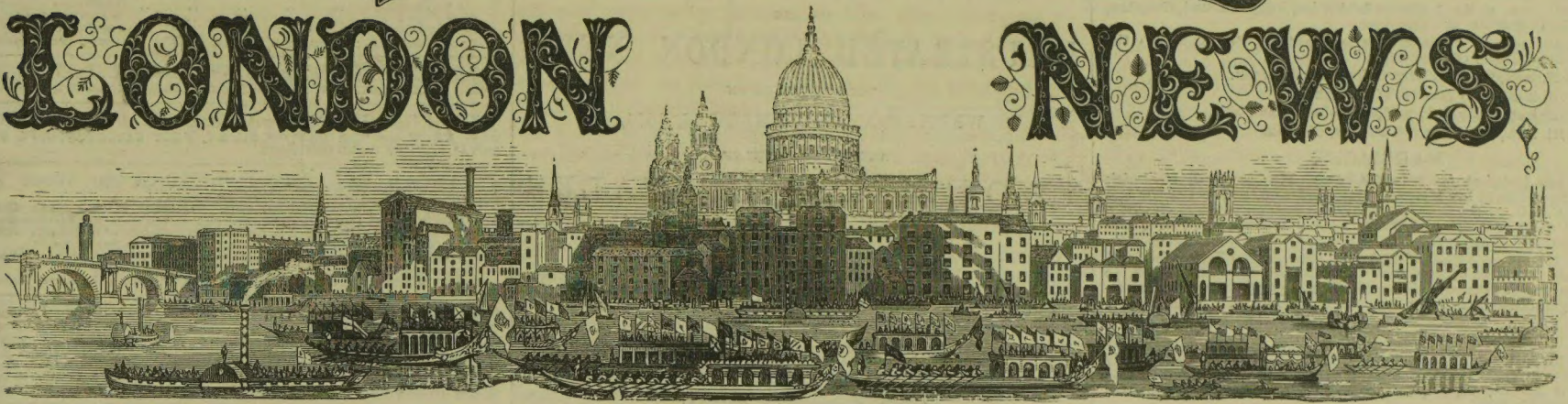


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THE ROYAL VISIT TO COVENTRY; THE PROCESSION THROUGH THE TOWN.



## BIRTHS.

On the 11th inst., at 23, North-villas, Camden-square, the wife of Frank Claudet, Esq., of a son.  
On the 16th inst., at No. 1, Chesterfield-villas, Dingwall-road, Croydon, the wife of E. C. Hooton, of a daughter.  
On the 17th inst., at 22, Upper Marylebone-street, Portland-place, the wife of Alfred D. Grant, of a daughter.  
On the 14th inst., the Hon. Mrs. John Paley, of a son.  
On the 11th inst., Lady Hawke, of a daughter.  
On the 16th inst., Lady Louisa O'Neill, of a son and heir.  
On the 17th inst., Lady Harriet Lindsay, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 4th inst., at All Saints' Church, Finchley-road, Frederick Holbrooke Peat, late of her Majesty's 97th Regiment, and son of the late Captain R. J. Peat, of the 92nd (Gordon) Highlanders, to Phoebe Barbara Franziska Lumley, daughter of Henry Robert Lumley, Esq., of Marlborough-place, Finchley-road.  
On the 13th ult., at Christ Church, Waterloo, by the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Cotter, Howard Hodges, to Harriett, youngest daughter of Captain J. A. Cox, of Waterloo, Lancashire, and granddaughter of the late Major Maxwell, of Strathman, N.B. No cards.

## DEATHS.

On the 12th inst., at Cannes, France, Paulina Mary Isabelle, dearly beloved wife of Knowlson Townsend, Esq., and only child of the late Colonel E. G. Le Couteur, seigneur of St. John's, Jersey, and Elizabeth M. Carrington, his wife.  
On the 9th inst., at her residence, Bedford-place, Old Kent-road, Maria Lucy (Kerr) Hackett, relict of the late C. H. Hackett, of 2, Gould-square, Trinity-square.  
On the 13th inst., Mr. Jonathan Thorpe, of 27, King-street, Cheapside, London, and North House, Gravesend, Kent, aged 65 years.  
On Sept. 11, at Knockanally House, County Kildare, William Landeakes Coates, Esq., J.P., aged 71 years.  
On the 17th inst., at his residence, Ballincollig, in the county of Cork, Stephen Schramm, late Bandmaster 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards, aged 51 years. Foreign papers please copy.  
On the 18th inst., the Hon. George Sulyard Stafford Jerningham, C.B., late Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Sweden, in his 69th year.

\*\* The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28.

**SUNDAY, Nov. 22.**  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.  
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Rev. W. H. Hall, Minor Canon; 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Gregory; 7 p.m., the Rev. H. Temple, Vicar of St. John's, Leeds.  
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., either the Very Rev. Dean Stanley or the Rev. J. Troutbeck, Minor Canon; 3 p.m., the Rev. Canon Kingsley.  
St. James's, noon, the Rev. J. E. Kempe, Rector of St. James's, Piccadilly.  
Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Rev. Canon George Prothero, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen.  
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. W. J. Loffie, Assistant Chaplain of the Savoy; 7 p.m., the Rev. F. C. Cook, Preacher of Lincoln's Inn and Canon of Exeter.  
Temple Church, 11 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple; 3 p.m., the Rev. Alfred Ainger, Reader at the Temple.  
French Anglican Church of St. John (La Savoy), Bloomsbury-street, services in French, 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., by the Rev. F. B. W. Bouvier, Incumbent.  
Christian Evidence Society, Polytechnic Institution, Regent-street, 7 p.m. (Mr. B. H. Cowper on Miscellaneous Prophecies).  
**MONDAY, Nov. 23.**  
Full moon, 5.34 p.m.  
Medical Society, 8 p.m.  
Royal Geographical Society, 8.30 p.m. (Colonel P. Egerton Warburton on a Journey Across the Western Interior of Australia).  
Gresham Lecture, 7 p.m. (Dr. H. Wyld on Music).  
Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor Barff on Chemistry).  
Monday Popular Concert, St. James's Hall, 8 p.m.  
Young Men's Christian Association, Exeter Hall, 8 p.m. (Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., on the Constitution of England Essentially Protestant).  
**TUESDAY, Nov. 24.**  
Warwick races.  
Friend of the Clergy Corporation, election, Willis's Rooms.  
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m. (Mr. C. Douglas Fox and Mr. F. Fox on the Pennsylvania Railroad and American Railways).  
**Church Homoeological Society, St. Paul's Cathedral (the Rev. W. D. MacLagan, Rector of Newington, on the Practical and Personal Application of a Sermon).**  
Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 p.m.  
Gresham Lecture, 7 p.m. (Dr. H. Wyld on Music).  
Anthropological Institute, 8 p.m. (Professor Busk on Skulls from Palmyra, and its Antiquities; Mr. Wm. Bollaert on Peruvian Antiquities; Mr. H. Howarth on Anthropology at Stockholm).  
**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25.**  
Michaelmas Term ends.  
Gresham Lecture, 7 p.m. (Dr. H. Wyld on Music).  
Royal Society of Literature, 8 p.m.  
Society of Arts, 8 p.m. (Mr. T. Roger Smith on School Buildings and Fittings).  
**THURSDAY, Nov. 26.**  
Princess Mary of Wales born, 1839.  
National Benevolent Institution, annual meeting, Freemasons' Tavern, 10 a.m.  
Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, general court, London Tavern, 10 a.m.  
London Athletic Club, assault of Arms, St. James's Hall.  
Royal Society, 8.30 p.m.  
Society of Antiquaries, 8.30 p.m.  
Middlesex Hospital, quarterly court, noon.  
Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor Barff on Chemistry).  
Brompton Consumption Hospital, quarterly court, 4.45 p.m.  
The Cutlers' Feast, Sheffield.  
**FRIDAY, Nov. 27.**  
Princess Mary Adelaide of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, born, 1833.  
Quekett Microscopical Club, 8 p.m.  
Clinical Society, 8.30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, Nov. 28.**  
Birmingham Annual Cattle, Poultry, and Cat Shows (five days).  
Royal Horticultural Society, promenade, 2 p.m.  
Royal Botanic Society, 3.45 p.m.  
Saturday Popular Concert, St. James's Hall, 3 p.m.  
Swiney Lecture on Geology by Dr. Carpenter, Birkbeck Institution, 7.30 p.m.

## THE WEATHER.

## RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE NEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF				THERMOM.		WIND.	
	Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Minimum, read at 10 a.m.	Maximum, read at 10 p.m.	General Direction.
Nov. 11	30.032	37.3	29.0	75	6	32.7	42.3	NW. WNW.
12	29.965	35.9	27.7	75	0	30.0	41.0	NNW. NW.
13	29.827	40.6	33.5	78	6	34.5	45.7	WNW. NNW.
14	30.138	59.8	34.2	32	7	35.0	43.7	NNW. NW.
15	29.826	43.3	43.0	99	9	32.3	40.2	WSW. W.
16	29.659	47.1	39.4	76	7	42.9	54.2	WNW. WSW.
17	29.837	45.8	36.5	72	7	46.0	58.3	NW. WNW.

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten a.m.:—  
Barometer (in inches) corrected .. 30.135 29.947 29.790 30.156 29.953 29.711 29.747  
Temperature of Air .. 37.8° 34.7° 41.4° 40.2° 43.8° 46.0° 48.2°  
Temperature of Evaporation .. 34.2° 31.5° 40.3° 37.8° 43.5° 42.6° 44.2°  
Direction of Wind .. WSW. N. SW. NNW. WSW. NW. N.W.

## TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m
5 10	5 28	5 52	6 16	6 40	7 04	7 28

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NOV. 28, 1874:—  
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## THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1874.

Our kinsmen on the other side of the Atlantic seem to have copied, in form though not in substance, a lesson recorded on one of the latest pages of British history. As far as the Federal Constitution of the United States will admit of it, they have reversed with special emphasis the policy of the political party which for some years past has held the keys of office, and have repudiated with a touch of scorn General Grant's administration. The autumn elections have gone against the Republicans all along the line. Friends and foes alike are smitten with amazement at the wide extent of the Democratic victory. The earlier and less significant State elections, it is true, were ominous of a change in the tenour of public feeling. The few big drops that fell before the storm indicated an atmosphere heavily charged with thunder. But no one dreamt what the electoral tempest, if it should eventually descend, would be or do. Within a brief interval it entirely altered the face of things. It even swept before it some of the traditional strongholds of Republicanism, which were deemed to be safe against any imaginable inundation of Democratic opinion. Men stare aghast at the broad wastes of defeat which their own hands have helped to make. It seems like a repetition on a larger scale of what occurred here in February last. The result is that in the Representative House of Congress a Republican majority of about one hundred is replaced by a Democratic majority of over fifty. One is tempted to look at it and speak of it as a complete political revolution.

Such is the first impression which the issue of the late elections in the United States will make upon the minds of intelligent foreigners. Nor, perhaps, is it possible to explain away its deep significance. But we must not interpret its meaning by glancing only at the direct aspect of the event. There are side lights which, when let in upon it, give to it a somewhat less portentous appearance. What nations do in a moment of supreme indignation should no more be accounted as representing their settled judgment than what individuals sometimes extravagantly say when overmastered by a temper provoked beyond endurance. Is the change of political opinion in America likely to be co-extensive with that which has marked the records of the polling-booths? It certainly does not seem probable. The fundamental differences between Republicans and Democrats may admit, it is true, of being readily bridged over; but in that case the bridge would be visible. Thousands upon thousands of political conversions from one set of party principles to another can hardly be supposed to have taken place without leaving in their pathway some trace of the reasons which have impelled them. But the fact is, that the Democrats of late have put forth no new argument—have marked out no definite line of policy—have furnished their opponents with no special inducements to pass over to their side. Nor in conviction, it may be surmised, have any large number passed over. They probably think as they did. Their opinions of the wisest and most fitting course of political action to be ordinarily pursued for the benefit of their country, it may reasonably be presumed, has undergone no radical change. The votes they have given were not meant to express acceptance of Democratic principles, but rebuke of Republican maladministration.

General Grant's Government gave but scant satisfaction throughout the first term of his presidency; since his re-election he has not only bitterly disappointed his party, but has contrived to drag it through administrative blunders—not to characterise them by a harsher phrase—which cruelly mortified its self-respect. In allusion to this latter fact, the *New York Times* says—"the mismanagement at the Treasury, the Sanborn scandals, and the general series of blunders in nearly all the public departments were in the mean time causing incalculable mischief. The first two nominations for Chief Justice . . . disgusted the whole people. The Administration was making enemies and losing friends every day. The party was handed over to the Platts and Butlers." General Grant's administrative policy with regard to the Southern States was neither conciliatory, consistent with itself, nor successful. It has not tended to heal old wounds, nor to encourage fresh, legitimate, and healthy expectations. All this, however, fails to explain the sudden outburst of accumulated disaffection which has made the fall elections of 1874 historically memorable. The crowning folly of the President's political staff was the suggestion of his name as candidate for a third term of office, and the indirect intimation, believed to have emanated from General Grant himself, that he would accept the nomination. This was too much for the patience of the party. It raised the electoral émeute, which has ended as we have seen. Grant, in fact, is held responsible for the crushing defeat which the Republicans have sustained at the hands of the Democrats.

The Constitutional machinery of the United States, however, may avail to diminish the immediate force of the shock. A majority in the House of Representatives will not necessarily produce a like effect there as a majority in the House of Commons would do here. General Grant has yet upwards of two years of office to run. He is not obliged to dismiss his Cabinet, the members of which are not amenable to Congress. The Democrats have not a two-thirds majority which would enable them to override the Presidential veto. The Republican party must continue for some time to come to hold the balance of votes in the Senate. The future policy of the Republic, consequently, will not at once—may not at all—come under unrestricted Democratic control. Both parties may profit, if they will, by this limitation. It offers to the Republican leaders a *locus penitentie*, and it imposes upon their opponents good reasons for moderation. The first may possibly regain the confidence of the country, which they have forfeited, or the last may establish claims to a continuation of that ascendancy which has dropped into their hands owing to no merit of theirs. Anyhow, it is to be hoped that the next great tactical stroke will involve a large concession of party to the country, and that on both sides it will be felt that the shortest and surest way to durable success will consist in a stern refusal to "give up to party what was meant for mankind."

On the whole, it may possibly turn out that they are right—and their numbers on the other side of the Atlantic are considerable—who do not estimate the practical effects of this sudden electoral revolution at a very high rate, and who discern in it no sufficient reason for alarm. The heart of the nation is sounder than that of the prominent politicians who take under their charge the conduct of political parties; and, in the long run, the freeholders of the States possess the power, and, when it becomes absolutely necessary, the will, to prevent the interest of the great Republic from being trampled under foot by the selfish ambitions of the persons or the cliques which usually figure before the public eye. We should be sorry to disparage the importance of those differences which, in theory at least, separate the Republicans from the Democrats; but there can be no doubt that each side represents some truth which has a claim to respectful consideration. Government by party is confessedly a clumsy expedient; but as yet free peoples have been unable to dispense with it. It is, perhaps, matter for congratulation that occasionally the machinery is reversed, to the temporary humiliation of those who have most blindly trusted in it, but have not adopted such measures as are best fitted to justify their expectations. We have had to learn that lesson in this country, and, doubtless, America will profit by it to fully as valuable a result as we ourselves hope to do.

### THE COURT.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, drove to Balmoral on Saturday last, and, after changing horses at the Invercauld Arms Hotel, the drive was continued along the Glenclun road and to Loch Callater, returning in the afternoon to Balmoral. Captain Wayman, Lieutenant Lang, and Lieutenant Weare, 99th Regiment, stationed at Ballater, dined at the castle, and were afterwards presented to her Majesty.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice attended Divine service on Sunday, performed at Balmoral by the Rev. A. Campbell, minister of Crathie.

Her Majesty and the Princess have been to the Glassalt Shiel, and have also taken their usual daily drives and rides.

The Queen has entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. George Forbes and the Rev. A. Campbell. Miss Ethel Cadogan has left the castle.

The Court is expected to arrive at Windsor Castle this (Saturday) morning.

The Imperial Crown Princess of Germany (Princess Royal of England) attains her thirty-fourth year to-day.

#### THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are entertaining a distinguished company at Sandringham. The Prince came to London yesterday week and visited the Empress of Russia and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, returning the following day to Sandringham. His Royal Highness, with his guests, has had excellent sport during the week, shooting over the Royal preserves.

#### THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

The Empress of Russia, who has been suffering from a bronchial attack, is now convalescent. Dr. Botkine, physician to her Imperial Majesty, arrived at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday last, from St. Petersburg. Princess Christian visited the Empress yesterday week, and remained to luncheon. The Prince of Wales also had luncheon with her Imperial Majesty on the following day.

#### THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh continue at Buckingham Palace. The Duchess takes frequent drives. The Duke, accompanied by the Czarewitch, went to Aston Clinton on Thursday week, and passed the day shooting with Sir Anthony Rothschild. After dining with Sir Anthony and Lady Rothschild their Royal and Imperial Highnesses returned to town by special train, and the Grand Duke went to the Princess's Theatre. The Grand Duke Alexis arrived at the palace on Saturday last from St. Petersburg on a visit to the Duke and Duchess. His Imperial Highness was met at the Charing-cross station by the Duke and the Czarewitch. The Russian Grand Dukes attended Divine service on Sunday at the Greek chapel in Welbeck-street. The Duchess received a deputation of ladies, headed by the Hon. Mrs. Kinnaird, on Monday, at the palace, to present a Bible to her Royal and Imperial Highness, together with an address, which was read by Miss Nugent and gracefully responded to by the Duchess, after which the ladies were severally presented to her. The number of subscribers for the present amounted in the aggregate to 7572. The Czarewitch and the Grand Duke Alexis went to the Haymarket Theatre in the evening; and on the following evening the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied their Imperial Highnesses to

the Gaiety Theatre. The Grand Duke Alexis visited the Empress Eugénie on Wednesday, at Camden House, Chiselmhurst. Captain Clark has succeeded the Hon. Eliot Yorke as Equerry in Waiting to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Prince and Princess Christian have left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Hertford at Ragley Hall, Warwick.

The Duke of Connaught has been on a visit to Sir Edward Kerrison, Bart., at Oakley Park.

The Duke of Cambridge entertained a family party at dinner, on Saturday last, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar being among the guests.

The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the Duchess of Teck visited Princess Christian last week.

The Empress Eugénie's fête-day was on Sunday last. The Empress, with Prince Louis Napoleon, attended Divine service at St. Mary's Church, Chiselmhurst. The tomb of the Emperor was surrounded by bouquets of violets and choice exotics, which had been sent to the Empress at Camden House.

Prince Louis Murat has left Brown's Hotel for Paris.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with the Duchess of Abercorn, the Marquis of Hamilton, and Lady Georgina Hamilton, visited the town of Strabane on Tuesday, when the Duchess laid the foundation-stone of a new parish church.

Earl and Countess Grosvenor were greeted with a public reception on Saturday last at Chester, on their route from Trentham to Eaton Hall.

The marriage of Blanche, the only daughter of Sir John Villiers and Lady Shelley, of Maresfield Park, to Mr. Hervey Pechell, took place last week at Maresfield parish church, the officiating clergymen being the Rev. Dr. Leighton, warden of All Souls' College, Oxford, and the Rev. J. B. Butler, Vicar of the parish. Lord de la Zouche was the best man.

A marriage is arranged between Mr. Alexander Francis Powell, Captain, Royal Wilts Militia, eldest son of Mr. Alexander E. Pitts Powell, of Hurdcott House, Salisbury, and the Hon. Marion Sybil Allanson Winn, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Headley.—A marriage is also arranged between Captain Alexander William Maxwell Clark Kennedy, D.L., of Knockgray, Galloway, N.B., late of the Coldstream Guards, and the Hon. Lettice Lucy Hewitt, daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Lifford.

### THE HOT SPRINGS OF NEW ZEALAND.

The North Island of New Zealand, which contains four of the nine colonial provinces—namely, Wellington, Auckland, Taranaki or New Plymouth, and Hawke Bay—displays, in the volcanic region of its interior, a wonderful group of Nature's miracles. It is accurately described in the work of Dr. Ferdinand von Hochstetter, the professor of geology at Vienna, who accompanied the scientific surveying expedition of the Austrian frigate *Novara*, in 1858, to New Zealand and other Australasian countries. Mr. J. Ernest Tinné, of University College, Oxford, being in New Zealand two years ago, visited this "Wonderland," as he calls it, and published last year a book of description, illustrated with photographs by Mr. Munday, of Wellington, and by Mr. Möller, of Auckland. A set of Mr. Möller's photographs has been supplied to us, with an interesting narrative of the tour made, about the end of last year, in the eastern and interior parts of the land by Sir Donald McLean, the Colonial Minister for Native Affairs.

The object of this tour was political business with the Maori chieftains. But a halt of a couple of days at Waioa gave some of the party an opportunity to cross Tarawera Lake and spend a day among the wonders of Rotomahana. It is here that geysers, boiling fountains, mud volcanoes, and marble-like terraces, containing pools of water delicately tinged with blue, and at varying degrees of temperature, combine to present scenes unsurpassed in the world. Only the Yellowstone region of North America, near the Rocky Mountains, offers something like it. "No description will avail," says our correspondent, "for the marvels of the Rotomahana Lake. On its shores the most delicate ferns and mosses are found within a few feet of a seething and roaring pool. In its waters the wild ducks by thousands swim calmly at the foot of terraces, while the sulphurous steam issuing from their summit is fatal to small birds flying across. The ground is such that in many places only a few inches of deposited matter lie between the visitor and a boiling torrent. All is most strange and, I suppose, unique in its character. The geyser of Whakarewarewa, near Ohinemutu, more than emulates the force of its Icelandic great geyser. But, in contrast to the bare lava plateaux and rifts of Thingvalla, in Iceland, Nature has here surrounded the boiling springs of New Zealand with adjuncts of a softer character. One thing is worth mentioning: a course of these thermal waters has not yet been known to fail in curing rheumatism or skin diseases. But now that the roads are made they are easily accessible in one day from Tauranga."

The party to which our correspondent belonged went to the hot lakes by a road lately opened through a piece of country hitherto closed to Europeans. It is now traversed twice a week by a mail-coach which, running by Lake Taupo, connects Tauranga with Napier, the chief town of Hawke Bay Province. "A few miles of a gradual ascent," he writes, "over a fern-clad plateau led to the edge of the bush. Here a magnificent panorama was obtained of an island-dotted sea, with the placid waters of the Tauranga estuary; the hills northward rising, tier upon tier, towards the Thames gold-fields; the deep ravines, furrowed by rains and streams of past ages; the bright-looking houses scattered about at the foot of the long slope; and Mount Maungonui, appearing from the distance wholly unconnected with the shore. Then, from the glare and heat of the December sun, the plunge into the cool depths of the forest was delicious. For twenty miles the road winds through a dense bush, twisting in and out, diving into gullies, rising again to follow leading spurs, and at one deep ravine, through which the Mangarewa river brawls over a bed of smooth-worn rock, descending in a series of zig-zags, blasted out of the almost precipitous sides of the cliff. On emerging from the bush right in front was Lake Rotorua, with the peak-shaped island of Mokoia, the scene of the Maori legend of Hero and Leander (only that in this case it was the lady who took the swim), rising in graceful form from its centre."

The subject of one illustration is Te Tarata, the white terrace on Rotomahana Lake, as seen from the level of the lake. The favourite bathing-pool is close by, where the bush stops from further ascent on the left centre of the photographic view. The water in some other parts is too hot for bathing.

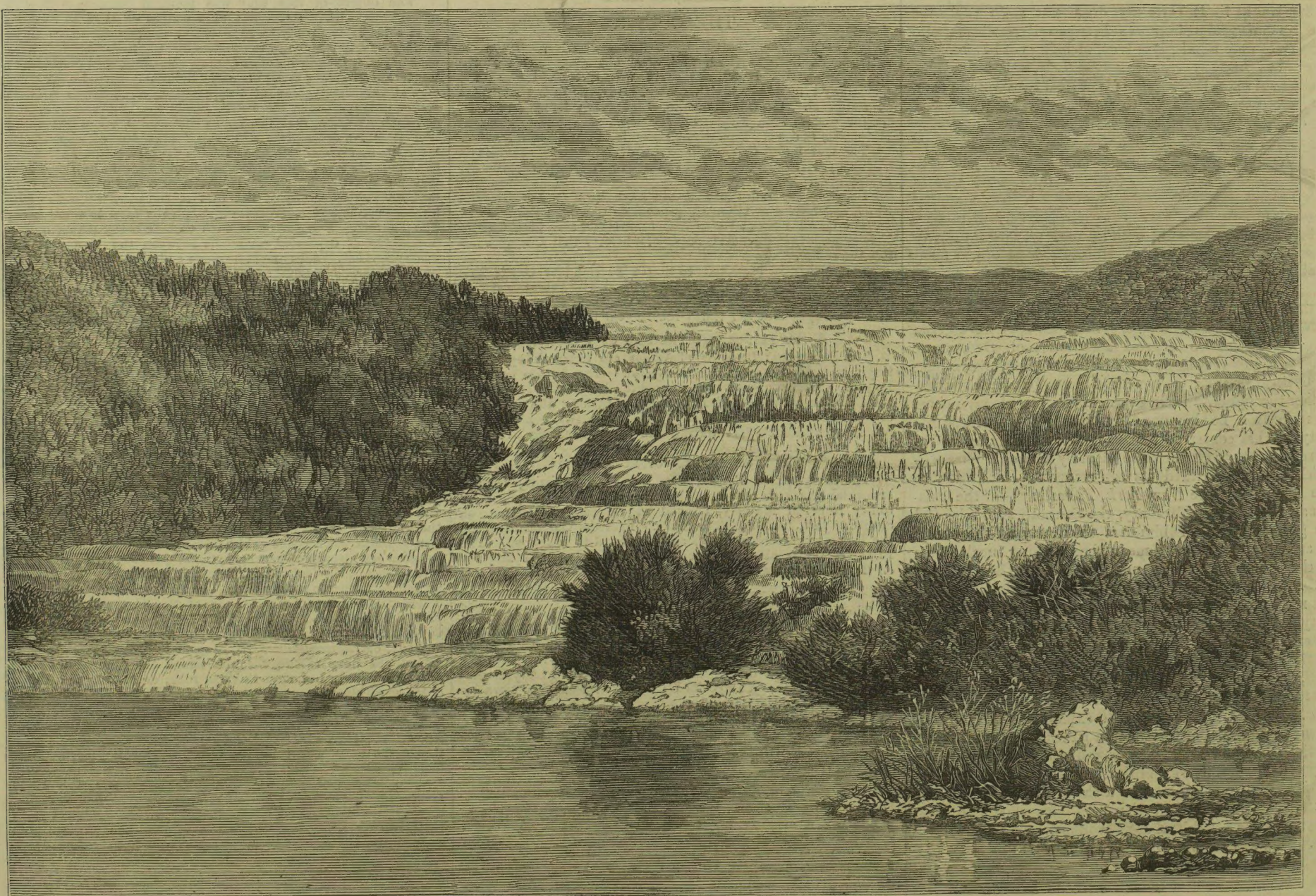
Otukupuarangi, the pink terrace, is shown as viewed from the lake itself. Its summit is occupied by an immense hollow, filled with quietly-simmering water of amazing clearness. Rocks can be distinctly seen forty feet down, robed, as it were, in blue. The terraces here are, as at Te Tarata, occupied by pools, and one may go into everyone but the huge reservoir at the top.



THE HOT SPRINGS OF NEW ZEALAND.



TE TARATA (THE WHITE TERRACE), ROTOMAHANA LAKE.



OTUKUPUERANGI (THE PINK TERRACE), ROTOMAHANA LAKE.





VAGRANTS IN THE LIME-KILNS NEAR PARIS.



## PARIS VAGRANTS AT THE LIME-KILNS.

The limestone-quarries near Paris, called the Carrières d'Amerique, are of considerable extent, and here too are the lime-kilns, which afford a warm nightly shelter to scores of poor outcast people, the Bedouin Arabs of a civilised community. Some of them are likely to be habitual thieves or wilful mendicant impostors; some may be fugitives from pursuing justice who are guilty of more heinous crimes. A few amongst them, in charity we hope, are mere forlorn and innocent wanderers deprived of home and bread, about perhaps to seek honest work in the great city, or returning, after a fruitless quest, to their distant rustic birthplace. It is not hard to believe that of this class more deserving our compassion are the women, in our Artist's sketch, seated or lying at the foot of the stout timber post which supports the roof of the shed above the lime furnace. One of these women has a little child, and "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven;" let us not then feel harshly or coldly towards them. The two boys and girl in the foreground, it is sadly to be feared, are juvenile delinquents only too familiar with precocious ways of vice. A reformatory school, like that of La Mettraie, near Tours, would be the right place for them. As for the reckless old practitioners behind, who are diverting themselves with a game at cards, a long sentence of penal servitude, well earned by many deeds of iniquity, is the best fate we can wish for them.

## FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

## FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Nov. 19.

People have apparently become a little weary of speculating as to the course which will be pursued by the Assembly when it meets, and there is a kind of lull in matters political. The real wire-pullers are busy enough, and the chief members of the different parties are actively organising their forces for the coming campaign; but the outside public seem tired of the endless series of prognostications with which they have been favoured, and have, to all appearance, made up their minds to wait patiently for the course of events. The preliminary meetings of the various sections the Assembly is divided into are looked forward to with some degree of interest, and rumours most absurdly contradictory respecting the attitude which will be taken by the Left Centre have been put into circulation. A letter from M. Christophle, just published, opposes the view taken by M. Louis Blanc and favours the organisation of the Republic by the present Assembly. He also favours a union between the Left and Right Centres.

Two social events to which the imparting of a political colouring was, under the present state of affairs, but inevitable, have taken place during the past week. The one was the celebration of the fête of St. Eugénie at the Church of St. Augustin. This church is the one especially favoured by the leading Bonapartists, numbers of whom reside in its neighbourhood. On Sunday all the principal members of this party assembled here to testify by their attendance their loyalty to the widow of Napoleon III., whose fête it was. Most of those present were in mourning, and bouquets of violets were everywhere conspicuous. The celebration, if it may be so styled, passed off without the slightest interruption, a fact due to a counter-demonstration, which served to draw off most of the Radicals to the opposite end of Paris. This was the interment, at Père la Chaise, of Madame Paul Meurice, the wife of the editor of the *Rappel*. Upwards of a thousand people followed the bier, and more than double that number assembled in the cemetery, where the discourses customary on such occasions here were delivered over the deceased lady's grave. M. Victor Hugo spoke at great length and with much feeling, eulogising the many virtues of Madame Meurice; but, by his references to the siege of Paris and the "savage enemy by whom it was conducted," he succeeded in arousing some of the spectators to somewhat unseemly demonstrations.

M. Emile de Girardin has issued an address on becoming manager of the new paper, *La France*, in which he supports the Septennate and the existence of the present Assembly till 1880, in which year a new Constituent Assembly, charged to draw up a constitution, to be subsequently ratified by the whole of the country, is to be elected. Meanwhile another gentleman whose name has, like that of M. de Girardin, been somewhat in the background of late, has had it brought into public notice in a very unpleasant fashion. This is M. Clement Duvernois, also a journalist and minister of Agriculture and Commerce during the brief duration of the Ollivier Cabinet. He has been on his trial during the past week for fraud in connection with the Territorial Bank of Spain. The trial has terminated, but the delivery of judgment is postponed till next week. A third journalist, well known to English readers, M. John Lemoine, bids fair to secure one of the vacant seats at the Academy.

## SPAIN.

Irun has rid itself of the last of its Carlist besiegers by distributing a few shells among them from the San Marcial and Marcos batteries. Tristany, Mirel, and other Carlist leaders are being pursued in Catalonia.

Ex-Marshal Bazaine has arrived in Madrid, and will settle there as a private citizen. It is not true that he had offered his military services to Marshal Serrano.

Cuban advices received in New York state that the insurgents have captured and burnt the town of San Geronimo, killing the garrison of 200 men.

## SWITZERLAND.

The Federal Assembly, having passed the bill for the reorganisation of the Federal army, has adjourned until Dec. 7.

## HOLLAND.

The Second Chamber has adopted, by 40 against 20 votes, the bill authorising the Government to suspend temporarily the coinage of silver for private persons.

Jonkheer von der Hoeven, the representative of the Netherlands at the Court of Italy, has been recalled, and has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary at St. Petersburg.

Intelligence has reached the Hague of renewed hostilities between the Dutch and the Atchinese. The former captured seven forts and three bridges. They have also gained complete possession of the Pedir embankment.

## GERMANY.

Prince Gortschakoff paid a visit to Prince Bismarck in Berlin, on Wednesday, and afterwards had an audience of the Emperor William.

Prince Bismarck has submitted to the Federal Council a bill authorising the Government to borrow fully 15,000,000 marks on account of Alsace-Lorraine.

In the German Parliament, on Saturday, the Imperial order respecting the language to be officially used in the law courts of Alsace and Lorraine was read a third time. In the course of the debate the member for Alsace proposed as an amendment that the prolongation of the period during which French should be employed should be fixed by law, and not be left to the discretion of the Chancellor. Prince Bismarck opposed this, and

the amendment was rejected, only a few members voting in its favour. The debate on the Bank Bill was opened on Monday and continued on Tuesday and Wednesday. On the last-named day it was resolved by 158 to 127 votes, after a debate lasting six hours, to refer the bill to a Committee. Herr Camphausen said that the bill would secure to the country the advantages obtained in England by Sir Robert Peel's Act without any of its drawbacks. Previous to the division there was a discussion as to whether the motion of Herr Lasker to refer the bill to a Committee could be put. This being decided in the negative, the President of the House, resigned his post.

It is announced from Berlin that Count Arnim's trial will take place on Dec. 9, not the 7th, as previously fixed.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

The Emperor and Empress have gone to Bohemia to have a week's sport with the hounds at Pardubitz. This latter place is the sporting centre of Austria.

The Emperor and Empress passed two hours at Prague on the 11th inst., but only to pay a visit to the Emperor Ferdinand, who resides at Hradschin, the ancient palace of the Kings of Bohemia. That journey is almost an event. For twenty-five years, the period when his Majesty Ferdinand abdicated in favour of his nephew, the eldest son of his brother, Francis Charles, the two monarchs—the one crowned, the other refusing to be so during the lifetime of his predecessor—have not met. The Empress Elizabeth had never seen her uncle.

## RUSSIA.

It is announced from St. Petersburg that the reports of a conspiracy having been discovered there, followed by numerous arrests, are entirely without foundation. It is also denied that the Khan of Khiva has requested assistance from the Russian Government to put down a revolt of his subjects.

## AMERICA.

There is another State quarrel. Mr. Smith, the late Lieutenant-Governor of Arkansas, claims the governorship in opposition to Mr. Garland, who has been inaugurated in office as Governor. He asserts that the latter's election by the Constitutional Convention was illegal, and he requests President Grant to interfere. President Grant has decided to take no official notice of the conflict.

Particulars of the recent elections show that there were serious riots at several places. In Alabama a conflict occurred between whites and negroes, and a large number on both sides were killed and wounded.

Riots arising out of a strike of longshoremen in consequence of reduced wages have taken place in New York Harbour. The men on strike attacked some Italian labourers employed by the steam-ship companies, but the disturbance was suppressed by the police.

## CANADA.

The Legislative Assembly of the province of Ontario has re-assembled. The Lieutenant-Governor, in his opening speech, referred chiefly to local topics. He stated the financial position of the province to be satisfactory, and announced that the existing surplus had considerably increased during the year.

Sir John Macdonald, the ex-Premier of Canada, has admitted to an election Judge, that his agents had been guilty of bribery, but he denies all knowledge of it. He will be unseated.

A sum of 150,000 dols. (£30,000) has been stolen from an express-train near Toronto by five men, who gagged the officials in charge and escaped with their booty.

## INDIA.

The Calcutta correspondent of the *Morning Post* telegraphed on Tuesday as follows:—"The Governor of Herat, Yakoob Khan, having gone to Cabul to visit his father, Shere Ali, Ameer of Afghanistan—at the instigation of the Governor-General of India—to arrange the differences in respect of the succession to the throne, has been treacherously cast into prison, and the worst results are feared."

Her Majesty's ship *Challenger* arrived at Hong-Kong on the 16th ult., having had a successful voyage. All hands well.

The cable which was broken between Guernsey and the English coast three weeks ago has been successfully spliced.

Le Marchant Hadsley Gosselin, Esq., a third secretary, has been appointed a second secretary in the diplomatic service.

Sentence of twenty years' imprisonment has been passed on each of thirty-two persons who were concerned in the murderous outrages at Podgoritz, in Montenegro.

Dr. Henry Brockhaus, the head of the great publishing firm at Leipzig, died there on Sunday. He was born at Amsterdam, in 1804.

The *New York World* publishes a letter from Honolulu, stating that Roger Tichborne was buried by an old sailor named Claridge in a desert island of the South Pacific, called Sydney Island.

The *Dievail*, an Arabian newspaper appearing at Constantinople, publishes a despatch from Khartoum, dated the 15th inst., announcing that the Egyptian troops had taken possession of Darfour after a battle in which the Sultan was killed.

The value of the Australasian gold imported into the United Kingdom in the nine months ending Sept. 30 this year was £4,758,979, compared with £7,003,481 in the corresponding period of 1873, and £4,519,650 in the like period of 1872.

From Oct. 1, 1873, to Sept. 30, 1874, the Hospice of St. Gotthard distributed gratuitously to 17,221 poor travellers, belonging to all nationalities, 64,114 rations, as well as various articles of clothing. One hundred and forty-seven invalids and travellers, half-frozen, were cared for by the monks for longer or shorter periods. The total expenditure for the year was 14,841*l.*, and the receipts 13,247*l.*

The leading shipowners of the English north-east coast have resolved to establish a new iron steam-ship insurance association, for which a capital of £300,000 has been promised.

The Registrar-General has to present an unfavourable monthly return relating to the eight principal towns of Scotland, for there were 2536 deaths registered in October—a number which is eighty-one above the October average for the last ten years, allowing for increase of population, and is the highest number yet registered in the month of October.

The following official announcement respecting recruiting for the Army appeared in Wednesday morning's papers:—"With reference to comments which have recently appeared in the public papers on the alleged unsatisfactory state of recruiting, we have authority for stating that recruiting for the Army generally is, and has been for some time past, in a satisfactory condition. The establishment of the Army has been complete during the year, and the recruits, though young, are of a good stamp, and more than meet the requirements of the recruiters as regards standard. During the whole of the present year the number of recruits raised each month has been much in excess of that in the corresponding months of former years, and this without any unusual exertions."

## The Extra Supplement.

## "ONE TOUCH OF NATURE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD KIN".

This line, we find by reference to Captain A. F. P. Harcourt's "Shakespeare Argosy," a convenient treasury of the poet's wisdom and wit (publishers, H. S. King and Co.), is in "Troilus and Cressida," the third scene of the third act. The picture, by Mr. E. Crofts, which our Engraving represents to the reader, is a proper example of that excellent moral maxim. It shows, beyond possibility of mistake, such an incident as may have taken place on many a battle-field of France during the great war that distressed that country four years ago. There lies the wounded French soldier, when the Prussians, distinguished by their uniform, with boots and spiked helmet, as well as by their characteristic features, come out of the wood in victorious advance upon the foe. A draught of the pocket-flask is kindly bestowed upon their fallen enemy in passing; and we are quite sure that such an act will have its reward, both on earth and in heaven.

## ELECTION ITEMS.

Mr. C. T. W. Forester, Conservative, was, on Thursday week, elected member for Wenlock, in place of the late General Forester, polling 1720 votes, against 1401 for his opponent, the Hon. B. Lawley, Liberal. The result makes no difference in the balance of parties, a Conservative taking the place of a Conservative.—Mr. J. D. Dent, who during sixteen years represented Scarborough in the Liberal interest, but lost his seat at the last general election, was, last Saturday evening, presented with a handsome testimonial by his old constituents, together with an address expressive of regret at his defeat and of thanks for the services he had rendered whilst one of the members for the borough.—The Conservative Association of Chichester celebrated its anniversary on Monday night. Covers were laid for 420; and Lord Henry Lennox, who has represented the city for twenty-seven years, presided. In responding to his health, which was enthusiastically honoured, Lord Henry reviewed the striking events which had happened during the two years since his last public visit to Chichester.

A great meeting of Conservatives was held in the Temperance Hall, Bolton, on Wednesday night, at which there was presented to Colonel Gray a service of silver plate, of the value of £350, in recognition of his faithful services as member for the borough for seventeen years.

The Liberals of Exeter have subscribed about £600 for a testimonial to Sir Edward Watkin.

On the retirement of Mr. Dodson from the representation of East Sussex at the late general election the leading Liberals of the county decided on making him a suitable presentation for his past valuable services. A subscription-list was opened, and, although each subscriber was limited to £2 2*s.*, a large sum of money has been raised. A meeting of the district committees has been held to decide on the manner of presentation and the time and place. Friday, Dec. 11, is the date fixed. Mrs. Dodson will be presented with a portrait of the right hon. gentleman by Sir Francis Grant, at a meeting to be held in the County Hall, Lewes, on that day. After the ceremony, a public dinner will be held in honour of the occasion, at which the Earl of Kimberley, the Marquis of Hartington, Lord Edward Cavendish (formerly a colleague of Mr. Dodson in the representation of East Sussex), and several leading members of the party have signified their intention to attend. After the dinner, Mr. Dodson will be presented with a service of plate.

The writ to fill the vacancy in the representation of Birkenhead has arrived, and the returning officer has fixed the nomination for Friday and the polling for Tuesday next. The contest will be simplified by the withdrawal of Mr. Simpson, the independent Conservative candidate; the candidates being Mr. MacIver (C) and Mr. Stitt (L).

## RAILWAY MATTERS.

Mr. Thomas Woolcombe, who for twenty-six years has been chairman of the South Devon Railway Company, has resigned his chairmanship through ill-health, and is succeeded by Mr. Alexander Hubbard.

A public meeting was held at Leicester, on Monday night, in support of the scheme of the Midland directors. A resolution was passed approving of their policy and expressing satisfaction at the independence they had shown in adhering to their proposals.

At a general meeting of shareholders held at Derby, on Tuesday, after a discussion of three hours, a resolution approving the policy of the board and negating the proposal to defer the change until after the ensuing half-yearly meetings, was carried by a large majority. The chairman stated that the proxies in favour of the directors' scheme represented over six millions of stock, while only one million was against it.

Recognising the decision of the recent meeting at Derby in favour of the proposed alteration of fares, the directors of the Midland Railway Company have passed a resolution stating that there is no object in postponing the change, but that the board is willing to confer with other companies on any details affecting their convenience or that of the public.

At a meeting, on Wednesday, of holders of stock in the Sheffield and Rotherham Railway, it was unanimously decided to reject the offer of the Midland Railway directors for the consolidation of their stock.

Sir Charles Adderley, President of the Board of Trade, has addressed to all the railway companies a circular letter in which he calls attention to the report on the collision at Thorpe, intimating that the board will not sanction the opening of any new single lines unless they are to be worked by a combination of the train staff with the block system, or by only one engine and train being allowed on the line at a time, and urging the adoption of one of these methods on existing single lines. He also recommends the observance of strict punctuality and discipline.

For the relief of the railway servants who were injured and of the families of those servants of the company who were killed by the collision at Thorpe, £2800 has been subscribed.

The commissions of the General Assemblies of the Established and Free Churches of Scotland were held, on Wednesday, in Edinburgh. The Rev. Dr. Trail presided over the commission of the Established Church, and that of the Free Church Assembly sat under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Elder.

The names of the following gentlemen who have been chosen Mayors, in addition to the list given last week, have been obligingly supplied:—Berkeley, Mr. C. Scott; Tewkesbury, Mr. J. F. Prosser (fourth time); Thornbury, Mr. E. M. Grace; Wickwar, Mr. H. Parker; Wotton-under-edge, Mr. O. Tauney. Mr. John Longmore is the Mayor for Worcester.



## THE CHURCH.

The Freemasons of Cheshire have given £400 towards the restoration work in progress at Chester Cathedral. The amount is to be devoted to the provision of a choir pulpit.

The south transept of York Minster was reopened, on Thursday week, with great ceremony, and in the presence of a large gathering of clergy and laity. The Archbishop preached in the morning, when the collection amounted to a sum nearly enough to defray the outstanding balance of the cost of Mr. Street's handsome restoration.

The Church of St. John the Divine, which is situated in Vassall-road, near Camberwell New-road, was consecrated, last Saturday, by the Bishop of Winchester. This church has been erected under the auspices of the Ritualistic party in the Church, apparently to serve as a pattern of what, in their view, church architecture should be, and as an example of the mode in which, as they think, the services of the Church should be conducted. It has been erected principally by their own contributions, one of the "assistant priests," as the curates of this church are called, alone having given £10,000, and the Incorporated Church-Building Society aided them by a grant of £275. The architecture is fifteenth-century Gothic. The church was designed by Mr. Street.

St. Michael's, Cornhill, which is among the most ancient of the city of London—the earliest records at present existing dating so far back as 1055, in which the edifice is spoken of as "the old church"—was reopened on Sunday, after having been closed for some time in order to undergo thorough renovation and repair. The work has been executed by the firm of Messrs. Trollope, from designs furnished by Mr. C. Reilly, the architect of the parish.

The beautiful Church of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, was consecrated last week by the Bishop of Rochester. It is thus described in the *Guardian*:—It consists of nave aisles, chancel, with north and south aisles (that on the north side being appropriated as vestries for clergy and choristers), and apsidal sanctuary at the east end. The nave is in five bays, and over the arches is a lofty and well-developed clerestory, with a range of two-light windows and solid panels, in which are represented alternately the Holy Lamb and Pelican and medallions, containing the symbols of our blessed Lord and His Passion. The western portion of the chancel is arranged as a presbytery, and is raised three steps from the floor of the nave, the platforms on which the altar-table stands having five additional steps. The easternmost compartment of the apse has a three-light early geometrical tracery in the head, filled with stained glass by Daniel Bell, representing our blessed Lord in Majesty, with the hierarchy and the peoples of the earth in the act of adoration before Him. The organ (not yet completed) will be placed on the north side of the chancel. The tower is surmounted by a lofty spire, and contains a musical peal of eight bells, by Messrs. Warner, of Cripplegate. The date of the architecture of the church is that of the latter part of the thirteenth century. The material employed externally is Tisbury stone, with Kentish rag walling. The arches and dressings of windows, doors, quoins, &c., internally are of Cornish Down stone, with hassock walling; all the seats, doors, and internal woodwork generally are of oak, and the floors are paved with Godwin's tiles. The church, with endowment and vicarage, is provided at the sole cost of Messrs. Knowles and Foster, of Moorgate-street. The architect is Mr. Francis T. Dollman, of 9, Adam-street, Adelphi.

The Bishop of Exeter has replied to the memorial of the Cornish clergy praying for his Lordship's assistance to secure the division of his diocese and the creation of a bishopric for the county of Cornwall. The Bishop states that he feels as much as the memorialists, and perhaps even more, the need of the division of the diocese of Exeter which they desire, and he adds that when he accepted the bishopric it was on the understanding that he would not put any obstacle in the way of such a division. Further than this, he tells the memorialists that his experience of the work has been such that, without any suggestion from others, he would have felt it a plain duty to advocate the creation of a bishopric of Cornwall if ever an opportunity offered. Whatever he can do to further the proposal he promises shall be done.

The Bishop of Winchester, on Monday, consecrated the portion of the Richmond new cemetery lying within the wall of separation, the erection of which caused so much controversy some time ago. The ceremony was performed at an early hour, and very few persons were present.

The *Birmingham Post* is authorised to contradict a rumour that the Bishop of Worcester contemplated resigning his see. The Bishop has improved in health.

## THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At Oxford, Messrs. F. Madan, J. W. Pedder, G. W. Salford, A. A. Knollys, and E. H. Dunn, members of Brasenose College, have been appointed by Hulme's trustees to Hulmeian Exhibitions at that society. The exhibitions are the most valuable of the kind in the University, being worth £135 per annum for four years, and a present of books, to be approved by the Principal, value £20. The exhibitioners are eligible for the numerous livings in the gift of Hulme's trustees should they enter into holy orders. The warden and court of the Clothworker's Company in London propose to found three exhibitions, of the value of £50, tenable for three years, for the benefit of unattached students in this University. Dr. William Sewell, Senior Fellow of Exeter College, and one of the most distinguished members of the University, died near Manchester last Saturday, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

On Nov. 12, 1873, there were 1350 residents in the various colleges of the University of Cambridge, against 1357 on the same date this year; on the former date there were 1011 in lodgings, against 1097 on the latter date; making a total of 2361 in 1873, against 2454 in 1874. The matriculations on Nov. 10, 1873, numbered 583, against 608 on Nov. 9, 1874.

The election of Lord Rector of Edinburgh University took place last Saturday. The candidates were the Earl of Derby and Mr. Lyon Playfair, M.P., and the numbers polled were—for Lord Derby, 770; for Mr. Playfair, 583.

Mr. Disraeli was, on Monday, re-elected Lord Rector of the Glasgow University, his opponent, Mr. Emerson, polling 200 votes fewer than the Prime Minister.

Baron Deasy has been elected a member of the Academic Council of the Dublin University. He is the first Roman Catholic gentleman honoured with a share in the government of Trinity College.

Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P., distributed the prizes at St. Saviour's Grammar School on Wednesday.

A huntsman named Squires, who had led the Renfrewshire and Lanarkshire foxhounds many years, was killed last Saturday morning by the fall of his horse, while at full cry.

## METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Archbishop of Westminster left London for Rome on Tuesday afternoon.

On Monday the directors of the Bank of England raised the minimum rate of discount from 4 to 5 per cent.

The Commissioners of Sewers have decided that Coleman-street and Walbrook shall be paved with wood.

A large show of poultry and pigeons has been held this week at the Crystal Palace. There were 4400 entries in competition for prizes to the total value of £1000.

Replying to a deputation from trade unions, on Wednesday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said the Government propose next Session to deal only with friendly societies proper.

Major Bolton, the water examiner to the London companies, states in his monthly report that the filtering of the metropolitan water supply has been lately much improved.

In consequence of the prevalence of scarlet fever in St. Pancras, and with a view of preventing the epidemic from attaining large proportions, the sanitary authorities have issued a circular pointing out how the visitation should be met.

The new buildings erected in the Farringdon-road by the Metropolitan Association for the Improvement of the Dwellings of the Industrial Classes were visited and inspected, yesterday week, by the Home Secretary, who expressed his satisfaction at the general arrangements.

A meeting of the Polish Historical Society—under the presidency of Major Szerlczewski—was, in accordance with custom, held on Tuesday, at Sussex Chambers, Duke-street, St. James's, in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the death of Lord Dudley Coutts Stuart, well known for his exertions on behalf of Poland and of Polish exiles in England.

A crowded meeting of the ratepayers of St. Pancras was held on Monday night to consider the question of adopting the Free Public Library Act in the parish. After a number of speakers had addressed the meeting, a division resulted in the motion in favour of the establishment of the library being negatived by 151 to 121.

Resolutions expressive of great alarm and indignation at the proposal to establish a permanent hospital for infectious diseases at Hampstead were passed at a meeting of clergymen, medical men, and gentlemen residing in that parish, held last Saturday. Petitions against the proposal are to be presented to both Houses of Parliament.

On taking his seat for the first time in the Court of Aldermen, on Tuesday, the new Lord Mayor returned thanks for his election, and expressed his conviction that the Court would be able to deal with the question of municipal reform which promises to be prominent during his mayoralty. A vote of thanks to the ex-Lord Mayor, Sir Andrew Lusk, M.P., was passed.

The first annual meeting of the members of the Quebec Institute (which occupies the premises of the old Marylebone Literary Institution) will be held on Tuesday next, when the prizes and certificates will be distributed by Lord Lichfield. The inaugural address will be delivered on the same evening, by Mr. John Walter, M.P.

Lord John Manners, on Tuesday evening, presided at a lecture given by Mr. W. Forsyth, Q.C., M.P., in aid of a working-men's club which has been established in Munster-street, Regent's Park. The lecture was given in the Christ Church school-room, Albany-street, and was entitled "A Trip down the Danube to Constantinople and Athens."

Dr. Guy, F.R.S., gave a presidential address at the opening meeting of the Statistical Society, on Tuesday, held in its new quarters, on Somerset House-terrace, Strand. He stated that there had been no competition for the Howard medal, offered for the best essay on the condition of prisoners in England and Wales during the latter half of the eighteenth century. A new subject was announced for the coming year.

Lord Derby, on Wednesday, received a deputation from the Reformed Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and Ireland on the subject of the persecution of Christians in Syria. His Lordship, in reply, said the Government were prevented by the Treaty of Paris from interfering with the Porte in the matter, but were doing all they could in the way of friendly remonstrance.

Mr. John Holms and Professor Fawcett, the members for Hackney, addressed a meeting of their constituents on Wednesday night. Mr. Holms, in the course of his speech, expressed confidence in Mr. Gladstone, and praised his pamphlet. Professor Fawcett spoke strongly in favour of further electoral reform, and also recognised that Mr. Gladstone must be the future leader of the Liberal party.

It appears from the weekly return of metropolitan pauperism that the total number of paupers last week was 92,096, of whom 35,123 were in workhouses and 56,973 received outdoor relief. Compared with the corresponding weeks in 1873, 1872, and 1871, these figures show a decrease of 9434, 13,556 and 25,297 respectively. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the week was 583, of whom 405 were men, 135 women, and 43 children under sixteen.

In connection with the new electoral reform movement a conference was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Mr. J. S. Wright, of Birmingham. Resolutions in favour of the assimilation of the county and borough franchises, the redistribution of political power, and other objects were passed, and amendments advocating female and adult suffrage, though at first objected to, were also carried. A meeting was also held in the evening, at which Mr. A. Brogden, M.P., presided, and similar resolutions were passed.

Three candidates—Mr. Boulton, Dr. Diplock, and Dr. Hardwicke—were nominated, on Tuesday, for the post of Coroner for Central Middlesex, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Lankester. The show of hands was in favour of Dr. Hardwicke, and a poll was demanded for the other competitors. Dr. Diplock retired from the contest in favour of Dr. Hardwicke, leaving that gentleman and Mr. Boulton, solicitor, before the freeholders. The polling took place on Thursday, and in the evening Dr. Hardwicke's committee announced the result as follows:—For Dr. Hardwicke, 1164; for Mr. Boulton, 815.

At the opening of the 121st session of the Society of Arts, on Wednesday, an address by the chairman, Major-General Eardley-Wilmot, was read by the secretary. The gold medal of the society has been awarded to Mr. C. W. Siemens for his researches respecting the laws of heat, and other services. The following prizes were presented:—The Prince Consort's prize of 25 gs. to Alexander Gibson, aged twenty, of the Manchester Mechanics' Institution; the council prize, for female candidates, of 10 gs., to Mary Elizabeth Martin, of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution; and the society's silver medal to Emily Addis Fawcett, for the best cameo, designed and executed on any of the shells used for that purpose.

At a meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, on Monday, Mr. Thomas Hare read a paper upon the "Construction of a Municipality for the Metropolis." The general purport of his remarks was favourable to the views expressed by the promoters of the Metropolitan Municipal Bill. In the discussion which ensued the majority of the speakers inclined to the opinion that, instead of one corporation, there should be several municipalities having a common centre, and that the local boards should be preserved. The debate was adjourned for a week.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works yesterday week Colonel Sir James Hogg, M.P., was unanimously elected chairman, for the fifth time, at a salary of £1500 a year.—Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Tuesday, received a deputation from the Metropolitan Board of Works on the question of freeing the bridges of London from tolls. It was proposed that the taxed bridges should be redeemed by means of a loan, and that the term for the payment of the coal and wine dues should be extended for fifteen years. The right hon. gentleman raised objections to some of the proposals made to him, but promised that the matter should be duly considered.

At the weekly meeting of the School Board, on Wednesday, the Rev. John Rodgers proposed to rescind the resolution under which the half-fee system was authorised in cases where more than one child of a family attended a school. The opinion of the board being against the proposal, it was withdrawn. On the recommendation of the school management committee, it was resolved to create a new class of assistant teachers, at a salary of £90 instead of £80. After a long debate on the proposition that no pupil-teacher should be engaged under fifteen years of age, the consideration of the subject was adjourned, so as to dispose of pressing routine business.—Sir Charles Reed and other members of the board waited on the Home Secretary, on Monday, to represent the difficulty experienced by the board in getting summonses against parents disposed of at the police courts, owing to the pressure of other business. Mr. Cross, in reply, expressed himself opposed to the suggestion that a special magistrate should be appointed for such cases, but promised to consider the matter and see whether any remedy could be found.—Lord Napier and Ettrick presided, last Saturday, at the opening of a new board school, which has been built in Eagle-court, St. John's-lane, Clerkenwell. Accommodation is provided for over 800 children; and the total cost of the schools, including the site, has been nearly £13,000.

There were 2400 births and 1517 deaths registered in London last week. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 65 and the deaths 81 below the average numbers. The annual death-rate from all causes, which in the three previous weeks had been equal to 22, 21, and 22 per 1000, further rose last week to 23. The 1517 deaths included 19 from measles, 97 from scarlet fever, 12 from diphtheria, 21 from whooping-cough, 41 from different forms of fever, 18 from diarrhoea, and not one from smallpox. Excepting scarlet fever and diphtheria, the deaths from each of these diseases were below the average. The 19 fatal cases of measles showed a further increase upon the numbers in recent weeks. The 41 deaths referred to fever were 11 below the corrected average weekly number, and included 6 certified as typhus, 23 as enteric or typhoid, and 7 as simple continued fever. The deaths from scarlet fever, which in the two previous weeks had been 128 and 107, further declined last week to 97, of which 32 occurred in the east, 29 in the south, and 19 in the north groups of districts. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs and phthisis, which in the ten previous weeks had steadily increased from 251 to 465, further rose to 518 last week, but were 48 below the average number. Five deaths from fractures and contusions were caused by horses or vehicles in the streets. The mean temperature was 41.1 deg., or 3 deg. below the average.

## CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

The whole of the miners employed in the Marquis of Londonderry's North Durham collieries have unanimously agreed to a reduction of wages, as decided by the Recorder of London. The banksmen will not submit to the reduction.

The ironworkers of South Wales have submitted to the reduction of 10 per cent in their wages, notice of which expired on Saturday, and on Monday the works were in operation as usual.—At a mass meeting of miners, held in Merthyr on Tuesday, the men working at the Cyfarthfa mines were expelled from the union in consequence of what is regarded as a premature acceptance of the reduction which the masters are seeking to impose. Another resolution was adopted, recommending all miners to leave the neighbourhood who could possibly better themselves by doing so.

The colliers and miners of Dean Forest have struck work against a proposed reduction of wages.

Under the presidency of Mr. Macdonald, M.P., the half-yearly conference of the Miners' National Association was opened at Barnsley on Tuesday.

The triennial musical festival in behalf of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital took place on Wednesday.

The Earl of Clonmell has been chosen a Representative Peer for Ireland, in the room of the late Lord Annesley.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Carnarvonshire and Anglesea on Monday morning.

The usual banquets in celebration of Colston's Day at Bristol took place yesterday week.

Violent storms and inundations have taken place in Cuba, causing loss of life and damage to the sugar canes.

A telegram on Tuesday announced that two vessels had come into collision in the Hooghly, and that both had foundered. The vessels were the French Empire, from Aden, and the City of Edinburgh, from London. Two boats' crews are reported to be missing.

As the result of an inquiry instituted by the Admiralty respecting the training of cadets on board H.M.S. Britannia, a report has been issued in which it is shown that the health of the young men is, on the whole, satisfactory, but that the number of subjects of study ought to be reduced; that the system of "cramming" for examinations is objectionable; and that for the two-years' course on board the Britannia one of three years in a naval college on shore may be substituted.

The decorations of Birmingham, when the Prince and Princess of Wales visited that town, were a rather complex affair, and several artists in that line were employed whose names have been mentioned. But that of Mr. A. Dillon, of Penton-place, London, should not be omitted, as he supplied and arranged the whole display in Bull-street and High-street. Mr. Dillon also provided the illuminations and fireworks at Packington Hall.





BALL AT PACKINGTON HOUSE, WARWICKSHIRE, IN HONOUR OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.





"A SLIGHT MISFORTUNE." BY P. KORLE.



## ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

So there is really to be another Arctic Expedition. The Prime Minister has informed Sir Henry Rawlinson, as president of the Royal Geographical Society, that the Government, having duly considered the representations made to them on the subject, have determined to lose no time in organising a suitable expedition for the purpose of exploring the region of the North Pole. It may be that something of the nature of a spirit of emulation has been stirred up in the official mind by the recent glowing, albeit ineffective, Arctic expedition undertaken by the Austrian Government; or are we to regard the determination commendably, although tardily, arrived at in Whitehall as a triumph for Mr. John Everett Millais, R.A.? The doctrine laid down in the epigraph to the picture of "The North-West Passage," in last summer's Academy, has been most significantly indicated. "It must be done, and England should do it"—I fear that I am misquoting the passage somewhat—was, in effect, the exclamation of the weather-beaten Ancient Mariner in Mr. Millais's noble but unequal picture, as he sat contemplating the chart, with youth and beauty on one side, and that wonderfully-painted glass of rum-and-water on the other. In any case, the foremost of English painters has approved himself in this performance a most valuable friend to the Royal Geographical Society and to Polar discovery generally.

It must or can be done, and England is going to do it of course, and all enterprising officers of the Royal Navy, all "scientists," as Mr. P. T. Barnum calls savants, and the public at large, will be delighted at the news; still, to middle-aged people with retentive memories, the organisation of a new Pilgrim's Progress to the Pole will recall many reminiscences of the past some joyful, some of the very saddest kind. Is there a great and bountiful lady, I wonder, living somewhere near Piccadilly, who can carry her memory back to the time when, as a fair young girl, she was present at a superb festival given by the Duchess of St. Albans (the "Grande Duchesse" who had been Miss Mellon and Mrs. Coutts) at Brighton, in honour of the return of Captain Parry from the North Pole? A cunning Italian confectioner had laid out the entire supper-table so as to present a tableau of the Arctic regions. Toy ships, the rigging of which was of barley-sugar, were securely locked up for the winter in ice that was good to eat. There were vast fields of snow made of whipped cream. Captain Parry and his ship's company, all in sugar-candy, traversed the frozen deep on sledges of chocolate drawn by Esquimaux dogs of almond-rock. There were icebergs of blanchéd almonds. Altogether, the scene was a marvel of miniature realism; and William IV. was King; and where are Parry and Ross and Franklin, and the rest of the brave band of navigators, now? My mother sang at that festival, and brought me home a little quarter-master in sweetstuff, and a little polar bear with caraway-seed eyes, to play with. I ate both instead, although I suspect there was a good deal more chalk than sugar in the polar bear, and I know that the quarter-master made me very ill.

An accomplished sporting writer (not in the excellent *Sporting and Dramatic News*, but in a journal of daily issue) has been gravely doubting the possibility of Dick Turpin having ridden on his famous mare, Black Bess, in fifteen hours from London to York. The description of the ride occurs, it will be remembered, in Mr. Harrison Ainsworth's exciting and picturesque romance of "Rookwood." This aspersions on the prowess of "Black Bess" has roused Mr. Ainsworth to write a letter to the paper in which the Turpin article was published, stating that, whether the feat were possible or not, he wrote the narrative of the ride to York, occupying a hundred pages of ordinary novel time, at one sitting, and in a shorter time than it took (or is said to have taken the highwayman) to accomplish his journey to the northern metropolis. Let me see. There are usually about 900 pages in a three-volume novel: thus Mr. Ainsworth, at the season of his greatest productivity, could have written the whole of "Rookwood," if he had "kept at it," within a period of 135 hours. Taking, however, an ordinary working literary day at eight hours, a ready writer of the present age should be able to complete a novel in less than three weeks. I dare say Miss Braddon would be equal to the task, if emergency called for it.

While he was about it, nevertheless, Mr. Ainsworth might have told us that Turpin never did ride to York in the manner so admirably described in "Rookwood," and that he committed a sad error in making such irredeemable villains as Richard Turpin and Jack Shepherd heroes of romance at all. As for Turpin, he had committed a foul murder before he shot Tom King—he had barbarously tortured an old woman by placing her on a fire in order to force her to declare where her money was; and from the beginning to the end of his career there was not one single circumstance of a palliating nature to lessen the horror and detestation with which we should regard the atrocious miscreant who, I am glad to say, ended his atrocious life on the gallows at York. Yet we should not too hastily condemn the authors of the "Newgate Novels" of the last generation. They wrote to please their age, and that age liked chronicles of crime. Mr. Ainsworth has written many beautiful and instructive books besides his Turpin and Shepherd epics; and Lord Lytton nobly and magnificently atoned in "The Caxtons" and "What will he do with it?" for the questionable taste of "Paul Clifford" and "Eugene Aram."

You remember Thackeray's "George de Barnwell," in *Punch*? That was a wonderfully keen protest against the Newgate school of literature; but many years before there had appeared in *Fraser* a much more powerful and incisive satire upon romances of the "Eugene Aram" and "Paul Clifford" order. I don't mean "Catherine: a Story. By Ikey Solomons, junior," but the very ancient mock-novel entitled "Elizabeth de Brownrigge," in which the harridan, "who whipped two female 'prentices to death and hid them in the coal-hole," is pictured as a beautiful, stately, and intellectual heroine—a deep philosopher: a kind of modern Hypatia, indeed, with peculiar views concerning the boarding-out-of-pauper-children system. Thackeray we know as "Ikey Solomons, junior;" but was he likewise the author of "Elizabeth de Brownrigge"? The question may be worthy of the attention of the editor of the exceedingly curious and valuable volume entitled "Thackerayana," just published by Messrs. Chatto and Windus, the diverting pages of which are adorned by some six hundred engraved facsimiles of the little caricature sketches which the illustrious author of "Vanity Fair" was perpetually scribbling on the margins of books and on every scrap of paper which came in his way, and which these eyes have witnessed him scribbling scores of times. It is not my business to criticise the book, but in his next edition the editor might be able to tell us something about "Elizabeth de Brownrigge." Also, I should like to be told whether W. M. T. did not illustrate—with some humorously-conceived, but imperfectly executed etchings on copper—the first edition of Douglas Jerrold's "Men of Character;" and, finally, I am anxious to know whether, about the year 1849, there was not announced for speedy publication by Messrs. Chapman and Hall a "Life of Talleyrand," by W. M. Thackeray? What a wonderful life it would have been!

It is very painful to read in the advertising sheet of the *Times* this week that the excellent Mr. John Timbs, after fifty-three years of literary labour, has been compelled by failing health to relinquish work for a season, and that in his seventy-fourth year, having only a very small pension on which to rely, his friends are endeavouring to raise a fund for his assistance. Contributions towards this desirable end may be forwarded, I learn, to the care of Messrs. Bentley, the publishers, of New Burlington-street. I hope to call on worthy Mr. George Bentley anon and take him my mite; and—whatever a generous public, appreciative of sterling literary merit, may do—I hope that all my fellow-labourers in the field of literature and journalism will not forget the strong claims on their fraternal feelings and on their *esprit de corps* possessed by brave and industrious Mr. John Timbs. He was delving in the mine of research when we were little boys; scarcely a day passes that we do not turn for reference, and that we do not derive pleasure and profit from, one or another of his innumerable handy books, and we ought not to desert him now that his hand is temporarily incapacitated from guiding the plough. Don't let Belisarius ask for the obolus any more. Try and fill his old helmet with sesterces.

In a daily newspaper, with which I have had, for the last eighteen years, the honour to be connected, there have recently appeared two lengthy, and I daresay (in the opinion of most people) prosy and wearisome letters, with the signature of "X," in which an earnest, but I fear futile, protest is made against the prevalent doctrine that wife-beating and other assaults of an aggravated nature should be visited with what the writer holds to be the barbarous, degrading, and retrograde punishment of the lash. I may venture to state that for "X" might have been substituted the initials "G. A. S."—for the letters are mine; but for reasons of decorum I did not parade my individuality in a journal with which I have been for many years intimately identified. I can say thus much here, however—that, having made the protest, I abide by it; that I am aware that the statistics which the Government are now actively engaged in collecting will bear out many of the arguments I have advanced; and that, although I am perfectly well aware that the preponderating mass of public sentiment is against me, and although I am at variance on the subject with nearly every one of my journalistic colleagues, a time will come when the clear, grave voices of the Judges, the stipendiary magistrates, and the legists of England will be uplifted in deprecation of this cry for retaliating cruelty with cruelty. And if, indeed, I am beaten in the long run, there will be no need, I should say, that I should emigrate, change my name, or do penance in a white sheet for presuming to differ from the majority. Surely there is such a thing as freedom of opinion.

G. A. S.

## A SLIGHT MISFORTUNE.

The young woman whose temporary embarrassment here appeals to our kind sympathy is a domestic servant in the stately mansion of some foreign Prince or nobleman. Elegant and costly furniture surrounds her in every room. The mantelpiece was adorned with rare specimens of artistic glass manufacture. It had but a narrow space to stand upon, and when lightly brushed in passing by the lappet on her innocent shoulder this high-priced trifle was thrown upon the floor. The article is broken, past doubt, and never can be mended. We are sorry for the poor girl, who will get a scolding at least from the rigorous housekeeper, though neither his lordship nor her ladyship would think of it with a moment's displeasure. It is such a bitter grief for one who earnestly desires the favour of her superiors to have inadvertently or accidentally committed a small fault in their eyes. Time, however, and the experience that all anger is but a passing storm, may be trusted to relieve her sorrow. The Berlin Photographic Company gave permission for the engraving of this picture.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

The annual prize-meeting of the St. Clement Danes' company of the Queen's (Westminster), under the command of Captain Scrivener, took place, last week, at Wormwood-scrubbs. The prizes were divided into three series. The first series were won in the following order:—Messrs. Egg, Vicars, Buckingham, C. F. Moore, Bailey, Humby, T. P. Scrivener, Hodges, T. Smith, and Lay; the second series were taken by Messrs. C. F. Moore, Chaplin, Pope, T. P. Scrivener, Humby, Buckingham, Egg, Livett, and H. Scrivener; and the third series by Messrs. A. Smith, Livett, and H. Scrivener. A prize restricted to the officers and sergeants was won by Sergeant Bonfoft, as was also a prize for attendance at drill combined with shooting presented by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rector of St. Clement Danes.

The Eton College Volunteers enjoyed a capital field-day in Aldermaston Park, near Reading, the seat of Mr. Higford Duval Burr, on Thursday week.

The prizes won at the annual meeting of the E company 1st Berkshire Volunteer Corps were distributed, yesterday week, in the Corn Exchange, Newbury.

Lord Cavendish presided, on Tuesday evening, at the distribution of prizes to the members of the 8th West York Artillery, in the Assembly Rooms, Halifax. There was a large and fashionable attendance, and Lady Cavendish made the presentations. His Lordship referred, in a brief speech, to the strength and power of the reserved forces as auxiliaries to the standing army of this country, and stated that England would not lack the determination to maintain her forces according to the recent reorganisation.

Last week Mr. James Hughes, the station-master at Port Glasgow, seeing two men crossing the line between meeting trains, rushed after them, threw them into the space between the two lines, and held them there till the danger was over.

The Duke of Westminster, on Tuesday, opened a bazaar at Wrexham in aid of a temperance hall for that town; and on the same day Mr. G. C. Bentinck, M.P., Secretary to the Board of Trade, opened a bazaar at Whitehaven in aid of a fund for building a new Wesleyan chapel in that town.

The second report of the Royal Commissioners on the Administrative Departments of the Courts of Justice has been issued. It deals with the questions of the organisation and the conditions of service, and the possibility of welding into a united whole the numerous unassociated departments which now discharge the office business of the Courts of Justice.

Mr. Disraeli has intimated to Sir Henry Rawlinson, President of the Royal Geographical Society, that the Government, having duly considered the representations that have been made to them on the subject, have determined to lose no time in organising a suitable expedition for the purpose of exploring the region of the North Pole.—Sir Leopold M'Clintock, Captain Young, and other officers have visited Dundee and inspected all the whalers in harbour, with a view to selecting a suitable vessel. They then proceeded to Aberdeen and Peterhead.

## NEW BOOKS.

A RAMBLE ROUND THE WORLD.

What used to be called "the grand tour," in the times when gentlemen travelled in a coach with four hired post-horses, protected by armed outriders? It was by way of Paris to Rome, or to Venice and Vienna, with a visit to the Imperial cities of Germany, and in returning to the Hague. The grand tour of our own days is a far larger circuit for persons who can afford to indulge an intelligent curiosity in travel. It is to pass entirely round the globe, either crossing the Atlantic from Europe, or else, as our friend Mr. Simpson puts it, "Meeting the Sun." In the latter case, you take the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steam-boat line down the Red Sea to India and China, with a branch excursion, if you like, from Point de Galle, in Ceylon, to inspect our Australian colonies. You then make of Japan a stepping-stone, ere you stride over the Pacific to California, and whirl for a week along the railroads of America, to embark at New York or Boston for the speedy passage home. You "meet the sun" at the meridian of terrestrial longitude opposite to that of Greenwich. Then you have to reckon one day twice over, in order that your computation of time from the Asiatic side of the great western ocean may agree with that which you find at San Francisco. On the other hand, your grand tour may be laid out in the reverse direction: first traversing the width of North America, then either proceeding to China and India, with a halt, perhaps, at the Sandwich Islands; or turning southward to New Zealand, Sydney, and Melbourne, before you take Ceylon, Calcutta, and Bombay, as it were, on the way home. These movements can now be arranged and executed with almost absolute precision, at a certain fixed cost of money and within a particular time. For those who have the leisure and purse of sufficient length, it is as easy to go round the world, in either way, by the eastward or the westward route, as to go round town by our metropolitan lines of railway. The multitude of "globe-trotters" has therefore been increasing from year to year; and we shall hardly need to take account of all those among them who please themselves by writing books. Men, however, like Baron Hübner, the well-known Austrian statesman and diplomatist, the scholarly historian, are worth the reader's while as travel-book companions, because their faculties of observation and judgment have had special training. His Excellency's *Ramble Round the World*, translated by Lady Herbert, makes two really very interesting volumes, which Messrs. Macmillan have published. In looking through these pages we shall be frequently reminded of the volume lately produced by our Special Artist named just now. He started in August, 1872, for the Emperor of China's wedding at Peking, and saw the Modoc Indian warfare, the Mormons of Utah, and the Mammoth Caves of Kentucky, before he came back to us in the summer of the next year. Mr. Simpson's views, especially of Eastern and Asiatic life, present and past, and of the subtle links of connection between remote ages and races, in their social and intellectual habits, gave a peculiar interest to his remarks upon that occasion. Baron Hübner, as might be expected, is much less apt to indulge in widely discursive speculations, and has not the same vivacity of humorous fancy. But he is, of course, a man of eminent sagacity, of correct and refined taste, and of liberal disposition. He conducts us, in the first place, to the United States of America; afterwards to Japan and to China. It will prove agreeable, and certainly instructive, to read what he thinks of those countries and nations.

In American society Baron Hübner was at once struck by a characteristic difference between the spirit of democracy there and in Europe. The working man at New York tolerates the profuse display of riches, of pomp and luxury, in Fifth Avenue, because he does not despair of himself getting riches. The French or German artisan, if his mind be affected by envy of the wealthy class, seeks to lower and destroy. But the open struggle for social equality fosters a vulgar, upstart pretentiousness in some persons, which is met by those of better education with a retiring exclusiveness. Baron Hübner knows these fastidious and reclusive Americans, though he did not visit Boston and Philadelphia. He was impressed by the ascendancy over social opinion which the city of New York is enabled to exert throughout the Union by its central situation, by its commercial activity, and by its giving first reception to immigrants from Europe. The Americanising process in Germans and Irish is a curious topic of observation. At the Federal capital, where Congress was about to close, there was little worthy a visitor's notice. The contradictory statements about the effects of negro emancipation were hard to deal with; but the political preponderance of negroes in the South could evidently not long be endured. Turning his face westward, the author reached Chicago by a railway journey which is well described. It was in 1871, a few months before the great Chicago fire. That huge and restlessly busy emporium of the Western corn and pork trade was more astonishing than pleasing. Baron Hübner did not like the incessant bustle and hurry, or the lack of attention to personal comforts in the great hotels, or several other things. It was a high pleasure to meet patriotic Germans in the West, and to share congratulations with them upon the recent victories of Germany in the French war.

From Chicago by way of Omaha and the Union Pacific Railroad, in a Pullman's saloon and sleeping-car, brought him to Salt Lake City. He talked with Brigham Young, and frankly told him that polygamy was a shame. The reply was, of course, that this opinion is a prejudice. But the Mormon President discussed the relations of the sexes "in so confused and so ambiguous a manner that it was next to impossible to understand his meaning." Baron Hübner was inclined to think him the most impudent hypocrite on earth, but one of marvellous power. It seems, however, that the great secret of his domination over the Mormon settlers is that they are in debt to him for loans upon the farms allotted to them. They cannot sell off and leave Utah without utter ruin. He has a capital of 12,000,000 dols., and is the general land mortgagee; he rules the markets, fixes and levies the taxes, controls all industry and trade. By motives of worldly interest, as well as by his religious pretensions, he obtains the submission of his people. Faith and morality, in the true sense, are little concerned in the rule of this prophet, who seems to be a compound of the bully, the mountebank, and the buffoon.

The condition of the wild Indian tribes was another subject which engaged Baron Hübner's attention. He conversed upon it with General Sheridan, and subsequently with General Morrow, the commandant of Fort Douglas, in the Wahsatch Mountains. Here also it is observed, as in other parts of the world, that the most difficult people to deal with are the offspring of mixed blood, of lawless intercourse between white men and women of a savage race. There is, indeed, much rascality of every kind on the frontier, and even among the agents of the United States Government. The Modoc War, a year after Baron Hübner's journey to California, was not a creditable affair to the representatives of civilisation. A Shoshone camp on the Bear River, where he saw the warrior chiefs smoking the calumet of council, reminded him of Cooper's novels. But their manhood is so debased in this generation by disease, misery, and brandy, that we cannot hope or wish to delay



their extinction. The Maori and the Zulu Kaffir, in a similar relation to British colonists, are likewise doomed to perish. It is sad, but cannot be helped, since civilisation and Christianity do not march hand in hand. The picturesque and varied scenery of California was much admired by Baron Hübner, and he gives an interesting sketch of its social progress. At San Francisco, as elsewhere in the States, he met with a throng of Germans playing an important part. It was a dark contrast to look in upon the Chinese quarter, which is the scene of the worst vices and crimes; but the guilty persons there are white men, indulging their foulest passions. It was, after this, a delightful relief to go and wonder at the sublimities and beauties of the Yosemite Valley. On the first day of July our traveller left San Francisco in the Pacific Ocean steamer, and on the 25th was at Yokohama. He had done with America; he had now to see Japan.

This "Empire of the Rising Sun," as he styles it, occupies the second division of Baron Hübner's narrative. He went up to Jeddo and made the acquaintance of Iwakura, the reforming Minister of State, who has since visited Europe. The incidents of Japanese social and domestic life, the court ceremonials attending the Mikado, the palaces, temples, gardens, houses, carriages, and costumes, are known to us from sketches by Mr. Simpson and Mr. Wirgman. Their letters, too, have supplied plenty of explanatory comment, and we have been kept well posted up in the amazing changes of fashion and of creed, of manners, customs, and institutions, during the last ten or twelve years. Such books as *The History of Japan*, by Mr. Francis Ottiwell Adams, late Secretary to the British Legation there, and *New Japan*, by Mr. Samuel Mossman, afford the most precise information. But we value the testimony of a traveller like Baron Hübner, who remained till the end of September in that country, going to Osaka and Kiyoto (Miako), and seeing all that claims notice in those great cities. He recognised a degree of cleverness, but with a certain intellectual childishness, in the arts, ideas, and usages, of the Japanese nation. Its mind is shallow, or it would not be capable of such rapid changes as have been recently introduced. We should say, though Baron Hübner does not, that the Japanese are the French of Eastern Asia, but without the French gift of logical precision. The frivolous celerity of innovation, "ready to sacrifice everything to their ideas of progress," has had its prototype in the Parisian revolutions, from 1789 to the present day. Whether under the actual rule of a Siogun or that of the Mikado, and whatever becomes of the privileges of the great feudal aristocracy, the samurais and daimios, who had formerly so large a share of power, we cannot yet rely upon the consistency and stability of reform in Japan. An essay or report communicated to Baron Hübner by a gentleman long resident at Yokohama is printed in the [appendix to his second volume]. It relates what had taken place during the twelvemonth following Baron Hübner's departure. "Those who are in power," says the writer, "seem to have but one aim; to denationalise Japan as quickly as possible, and make it like a European State. They press forward matters too much, and it is impossible to foresee what will be the result." A financial crisis and distress provoking a reaction were predicted two years ago. The end of it remains to be seen.

The third portion of these travels is that relating to "the Celestial Empire," or China, which filled so great a part of Mr. Simpson's entertaining volume. A country with which Great Britain trades to the annual amount of forty-two millions sterling is always worthy of the English reader's attention. The Chinese, in this author's judgment, are not like the Japanese, with their amiable puerility of character. "They are serious-thinking men. They will adopt our civilisation when they begin to understand it, but they will not understand it till the day arrives when they choose to do so." He considers it a delusion to expect that the several European Powers and America will ever, in a second Chinese war, combine to overcome by force the native resistance to measures demanded by the interests of commerce. The profits of foreign merchants at the Chinese ports are rather declining, and Imperial misgovernment is alleged to be the cause. But, however notorious may be the administrative corruption and impotence of the Empire, it is not to be cured by foreign violence. The insolent language of newspaper-writers in some of the treaty ports can only provoke the anger of the mandarins, and prevent a good understanding. "To persuade the Chinese," says Baron Hübner, "to accept our civilisation, we must act on their hearts, which are more open than we think; we must know how to influence their will."

Baron Hübner, indeed, has great admiration of "the boldness, the perseverance, the elastic, energetic, indefatigable genius" of the English nation, as shown in our commercial settlements at Shanghai and elsewhere on Chinese shores. He compares them with the French establishments there, which are dependent on the official action of the French Government; the French, he remarks, are a great nation, but have not the vocation of colonists. Yet the Portuguese and Spaniards three centuries ago had, in a greater degree than the present English, the faculty of civilising native races. Baron Hübner is of this opinion, but, if he had seen Mexico and the interior of South America, he would know better how much that civilisation is worth. That question has nothing to do with China, which is not a land of savages, but of highly artificial and sophisticated heathens. In Peking, the huge capital city with its high and broad walls of twenty miles circuit, Baron Hübner, as well as our Special Artist, found an endless variety of curious scenes. The Chinese town is full of bustling shops; the Tartar town is a mixture of barbaric splendour and barbarous squalor; the Imperial precinct is forbidden to the access of strangers. Altogether, says he, one is reminded of Babylon or Nineveh, the grand ancient cities of Asia mentioned in the Bible. He saw the Temple of Heaven, the Lamas' Monastery of Yung-ho-Kung, the Temple of Confucius or Wen-Miao, and the Examination Hall for students aspiring to the Civil Service. Official routine seemed to him the only real worship and vital force of the Chinese Empire, in which symptoms of decay are apparent everywhere. After going to see the tombs of the Ming dynasty, and the Great Frontier Wall, our traveller sojourned a week at the treaty town of Tientsin, where he made inquiries about the murderous attack in June, 1870, on the French Consul and Roman Catholic missionaries. He speaks with reverent sympathy and praise of the martyred Christian priests and Sisters of Charity, acquitting them of the alleged imprudent behaviour; but M. Fontanier, the unfortunate Consul, had committed acts of great imprudence.

Three weeks passed at Hong-Kong, and a week at Canton, make up the rest of Baron Hübner's Chinese observations. He was charmed with the English town which bears the name of our Queen, and which is beautifully situated. The Catholic missionary stations of Senon, on the mountainous shore of the mainland opposite to the Hong-Kong island, are pleasantly described. Then, going up the noble Pearl River to Canton, the author was met by Archdeacon Gray, who kindly guided him through the city. The mercantile prosperity of Canton is cited, but the English residents there still lead a life of dignified paucity. The worst sight at Canton was the horrible

gaol and the cruel punishments inflicted on prisoners. Macao, the Portuguese settlement at the entrance to this river, is all but ruined, having no trade left save that of exporting coolies—a yellow slave trade. Here it is the Chinese, "by their marvellous sobriety and activity," are now supplanting the people of a once enterprising and valiant European nation. A slight reminiscence of Camoens, the one famous Portuguese poet, who wrote his "Lusiad" at this place, is the last thing before the departure of Baron Hübner from the Far East. His concluding chapter, though entitled "Homeward Bound," is not the narrative of a commonplace voyage to Galle and Suez, but an instructive discussion of the prospects now lying before the diplomatic and religious missions in China. As the author is neither an Englishman nor a Protestant, we should recommend that his impartial testimony be collated with that of our own countrymen experienced in dealings with the Celestial Empire and its countless subjects. We have seldom perused a more sensible traveller's book.

## LAW AND POLICE.

It was decided on Monday, by the Court of Common Pleas, in the case of "Dauncy v. Chatterton," that the plaintiff, as a renter of Drury-Lane Theatre, has a right to free admission to the stalls of the house, these being a portion of "the usual audience part of the theatre" in the meaning of the Act affecting the matter. The judgment is to be appealed against.

The Court of Common Pleas has decided that militia sergeants do not occupy, "as tenants," the houses provided for them by county authorities, and are not entitled to be placed on the lists of voters.

An action brought by Mr. Hipp against Mr. Whalley, M.P., was tried in the Court of Exchequer on Tuesday. The object of the suit was to recover a certain sum alleged to be due to the plaintiff under an agreement with the defendant to work a colliery in Wales which had not succeeded. It was compromised by a verdict for £75 and payment of costs by each side.

Forty pounds damages were awarded by the Court of Exchequer, on Wednesday, in an action for false imprisonment, brought against a coffee-house keeper by a young man employed as under-butler to Lord Justice Mellish. The plaintiff had been given into custody by the defendant, and had been locked up, on the charge of having robbed him on a racecourse, but had been proved to be entirely innocent.

Vice-Chancellor Hall, on Monday, heard a suit by Messrs. Christie and Manson, the well-known auctioneers, for an injunction to restrain another firm, Messrs. Christie and Christie, from pursuing a similar business under that title. His Honour, however, holding that there was no fraud on the part of the defendants, and that the public were not likely to mistake the one firm for the other, dismissed the bill with costs.

Some time ago a young man employed as a clerk in the City picked up a bundle of bank notes of the value of £10,000. A man who was with him afterwards returned the notes to the owners for him, and received £160 as a reward. This person, however, produced only £100 as the amount given, and the clerk brought an action against him to recover £40 of the difference. The case was heard in the City of London Sheriff's Court, last Saturday, and the Commissioner awarded the plaintiff the amount claimed.

In the Court of Bankruptcy, yesterday week, an application was made to Mr. Registrar Pepps for the appointment of a receiver to the estate of Mr. Alexander M'Ewen, of Lombard House, who had presented a petition, estimating his liabilities at £400,000. A receiver was appointed, and his Honour at the same time issued an interim injunction staying proceedings on the part of some of the creditors.—In the Dublin Court of Bankruptcy, yesterday week, a conditional order for a new trial was granted in the case of "Cracroft v. Smith." The defendant applied for the order.—Notice is given in the *Gazette* of the declaration of the ninth and final dividend, at the rate of 7½d. in the pound, under a petition in bankruptcy, dated June 11, 1855, against William Strahan, Sir John Dean Paul, Bart., and Robert Makin Bates, bankers, of 217, Strand, who were sentenced to fourteen years' transportation by Mr. Baron Alderson, at the September Session of the Central Criminal Court, in the same year.

A singular case came before a jury at the Exeter County Court on Tuesday. The plaintiff, a gentleman living near the city, sued a hotel-keeper for £13, value of an octave cask of wine. After drinking some of the wine the plaintiff felt a pain in the neck. He persuaded himself, however, that the wine could not have caused this, and went on drinking it, when he became ill. Some of the wine was sent to London for analysis. The analyst returned it, saying it was his belief that it was not wine at all, but a mixture of various ingredients. The defendant was consequently asked to take the "wine" back, but he said he bought it of a respectable firm in Exeter, and refused to receive it, hence the action, which, when it first came before the Judge, resulted in a verdict for defendant. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, with costs.

There were sixty-three prisoners for trial at the opening of the Middlesex Sessions for November on Monday. The cases disposed of at the first sitting of the Court were chiefly robberies and assaults, none of which were of an extraordinary character.—For acts of robbery two men, who had been repeatedly convicted before, were sentenced, on Tuesday, to ten years' penal servitude. One of the prisoners, in leaving the dock, threatened the prison officers.

Two men were sentenced at Guildhall, on Monday, each to three months' hard labour for having carried on gambling with three cards near Houndsditch on Sunday afternoon.

Two youths employed as clerks by Mr. Kino, tailor, were charged at Marlborough-street, on Saturday, with having stolen their master's money. One of them had taken it at the instigation of the other, and they had spent it between them in amusements. Both were convicted, and they were sentenced to six and three months' imprisonment respectively.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed by the Clerkenwell magistrate, on Tuesday, on a woman who pleaded guilty to having stolen a brass candlestick from the altar of St. Peter's Church, St. Andrew's parish.

Thomas Blundell, cowkeeper, of Forest-hill, has been fined 10s. for selling milk adulterated with 10 per cent of water.

Two firework-makers were charged at Lambeth, on Tuesday, with having in their house a quantity of fireworks and explosive materials greatly in excess of that allowed by law. The magistrate, finding the case proved, imposed a penalty of £10 and £5 5s. costs, and ordered the confiscation of the illegal stock.—A man was brought before the Thames Court last Saturday for the illegal sale of fireworks. The question having arisen whether the articles sold were of the nature stated, some experiments were made in the yard of the court, and the magistrate, being satisfied that they were dangerous, fined the defendant 40s., and costs.

At Houghton-le-Spring, on Tuesday, a railway signalman, named Woodhead, employed on the North-Eastern Railway at Loamside, was fined £5 for being drunk on duty, and was severely reprimanded by the magistrate.

Mrs. Mina Jury, one of the witnesses in the Tichborne trial, who was in custody at Macclesfield on several charges of robbery, escaped from prison on Sunday evening. When her supper was brought to her by the gaoler, Mrs. Jury locked him in her cell and got away. She was, however, recaptured at Leek on Monday afternoon.

Three gamekeepers on the Drummond estates were, on Monday, tried at Perth for assaulting William Smith, a poacher. Smith had a game net in his possession, and the keepers, in trying to take it, assaulted him so brutally that his life was despaired of. All three were found guilty, and sentenced to pay £4, £2, and £1, with alternatives of sixty, forty, and twenty days' imprisonment.—Eight colliers were, on Monday, committed for trial, at the Chorley Police Court, on the charge of attempting to murder an assistant gamekeeper. The prisoners were poaching in a wood near Wrightington Park, and, being pursued, one of them fired and wounded a keeper.—A grocer of Wolverhampton was dangerously injured, on Tuesday, by two men who, with blackened faces, entered his house and stabbed or cut him with a dagger, inflicting upon him thirteen wounds. The ruffians made their escape.—Six soldiers were charged at Woolwich, on Tuesday, with having made a violent assault on a detective policeman some days ago. The officer had expostulated with them for having molested a woman, and they knocked him down, kicked him, and severely injured him. He identified all the prisoners but one, and they were committed for trial.—At the High Court, Edinburgh, on Monday, Andrew Wallace, who was accused of the murder of his daughter at Kilmarnock in August last, pleaded guilty of culpable homicide, and was sentenced to penal servitude for twenty years.—Abraham Chambers, aged seventy-four, living alone in the village of Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire, was, on Monday evening, found shot through the head in his house. A man is in custody on suspicion.—Thomas Smith, of the 20th Hussars, who shot his commanding officer for having carried out a regimental punishment, was, on Monday, hanged within the walls of the county prison at Winchester.

## ACCIDENTS AND OFFENCES.

Dr. Diplock, the Coroner for West Middlesex, held an inquest, on Monday, at 37, Finborough-road, West Brompton, on the body of Mrs. Hebe Augusta Griffin, aged forty-eight. The evidence given showed that, last Saturday, the deceased was standing at her toilet-table braiding her hair, when she threw up her arms and fell upon the floor insensible. A post-mortem examination revealed the fact that death arose from heart disease, and a verdict was returned to that effect.

Last Saturday night a fire broke out in Rose-street, Denmark-street, Soho, by which Mrs. Jane Odger, aged sixty-one, lost her life. She upset a paraffin lamp, and in a few moments the room became enveloped in flames, the unfortunate lady being burned to death.

An inquest was held, last Monday, on the body of Mr. William Bower, a medical student, aged thirty, son of Major-General Bower. The deceased, who resided in Lower Calthorpe-street, Gray's-inn-road, had been reading very hard for his final examination, and he committed suicide by taking poison whilst in an unsound state of mind.

While endeavouring to enter a carriage in motion at the King's-cross station of the Metropolitan Railway, last Saturday morning, John O'Flaherty fell on to the line, and was so injured that he died shortly afterwards.

Lucy Durrent, twenty years of age, jumped from the Clifton Suspension-bridge, on Monday, and fell into the bed of the river, 240 ft. below. She was picked up dead, of course. The deceased was in service, and had left a piece of paper at home threatening to commit suicide. The likeness of a young man was found in a locket upon the body.

Mr. Bedford held an inquest, on Tuesday, on the body of Mr. William Bristow, a clerk in the Record Office, in Fetter-lane. Mr. Bristow, while going down the stairs leading to the platform at the Temple station of the District Railway, missed his footing, and fell forward with great violence down the whole flight of stairs, striking his head against a small wooden table used by the ticket-collector. He was taken to Charing-cross Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from a severe fracture of the skull. He never recovered consciousness, and died on Sunday morning. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

On Monday afternoon the dead body of a gentleman was found hanging to an oak-tree in one of the Highgate woods, known as Gravel-pit Wood, abutting on Muswell-hill-road. The body has been identified as that of the Rev. Mr. Pix, of Dorset, who had lost his reason, and who had escaped from custody at King's-cross.

Mr. S. Crompton, station-master in the employ of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, at Southport, was on Tuesday killed by being run over by a train.

St. Ives House, near Ringwood, the residence of Colonel Wright, of Nottingham, was destroyed by fire yesterday week. The fire, which began soon after midday, seems to have originated in the kitchen flue. The entire building was destroyed, but many of the more valuable contents were saved.—Howick Hall, in Northumberland, the residence of Earl Grey, had a narrow escape from destruction on Sunday. For some days previously a smell of fire had been perceived, but could not be traced. On Sunday morning, however, flames burst out in a bed-room. There was a copious supply of water, which did more damage to the property than was caused by the fire, for that was speedily extinguished.

The official inquiry into the loss of the steamer *Amelia* on Crow Rock, off the Pembrokeshire coast, was concluded at Liverpool on Monday. The Court suspended the master's certificate for twelve months, considering him to be in default in not having a sufficient look-out kept.

A smack called the *Friends* was wrecked off the north coast of Cornwall on Friday night, last week. Only two men were seen on board, and, though great efforts were made to rescue them, they perished, and the vessel broke up. The coastguard, with their rocket apparatus, threw a line over the vessel, but the men apparently did not know what to do with it.

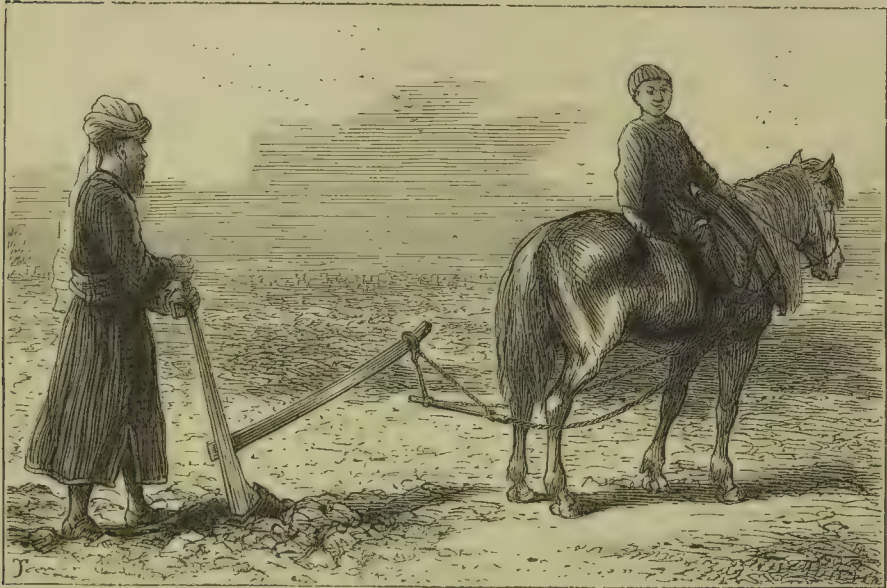
A telegram has been received announcing the loss of the steamer *Despatch*, 1100 tons, while on her way from Alexandria to Hull. No particulars are given, further than that the steamer is lost and the crew saved. The *Despatch* belonged to Dundee, and she was valued at upwards of £20,000.

There has been a railway accident in Italy. A passenger-train from Ancona overtook and ran into a goods-train from the same place, near Imola, owing to the detention of the latter by a heavy fall of snow. A railway official was killed, four persons were seriously injured and thirty slightly hurt.





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## ST. ANTHOLIN'S CHURCH.

This ancient church, which has lately been superseded by amalgamation of its parish with St. Mary's, Aldermanbury, was almost without any congregation. Its situation, in Budge-row, at the corner of Sise-lane, between Cannon-street and the new Queen Victoria-street, was eminently central; but there were few resident families in these days remaining around it. Those whose weekday business is performed in the neighbouring shops and warehouses now reside, perhaps, at Clapton or Camberwell, and there go to church every Sunday with the laudable punctuality of their fathers who dwelt in the City. The church shown in our illustration was dedicated to St. Anthony; but the careless or ignorant popular tongue has long perverted the name of that saint to Antling or Antholin. It was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire, with a tower and octagonal spire terminating in a Corinthian column 154 ft. on high; the interior had an oval dome supported by eight columns. In the times of Queen Elizabeth, and again in those of the Commonwealth, St. Antholin's Church was a noted stronghold of Puritan doctrine. Its bell summoned the more zealous citizens to prayer and lecture so early as five in the morning. Here, too, in 1640, preached the chaplains who attended the Scottish Church Commissioners to King Charles I. Going further back, to the fourteenth century, history mentions a visit of King Richard II. to this church after the suppression of Wat Tyler's rebellion. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners will now employ a portion of the funds to be got from the abolition of St. Antholin's in the erection of a new church at Nunhead, Peckham-rye. The tower and spire will yet stand over the vaults which contain the mortal remains of many Londoners who lived in ages past.

## SKETCHES IN EASTERN TURKESTAN.

Kashgar and Yarkund, the dominions of the Amir Yakoob Khan, to whom Sir T. Douglas Forsyth was sent from India to negotiate a treaty of commerce, will have been made pretty familiar to our readers. Several more of the sketches taken there by Captain Chapman, R.A., now presented in this Journal, are accompanied with the following notes:—

"The guest-house at Artysh is kept up for the use of the Amir of Kashgar or of any of his friends who may wish to visit the shrine of the great Sultan Satuk Boga Khan. He first of all the Uigurs abandoned idols, and at the direction of the angel Gabriel, who appeared to him in the form of a hare, summarily converted his subjects to Islam. This building was occupied by the officers of the Yarkund mission in February, 1874, when, for a few days, they became the guests of Mahomed Khan Khwoja, the hereditary chief of Artysh, who professes to have a genealogical tree that shows his ancestors to have been lords of the soil before the Norman conquest of Great Britain. During the Chinese occupation of Eastern Turkestan the Khwojas of Artysh were left in possession; but the present chief's father mixed himself up in the rebellion that first of all brought over, from Kokand, Wali Khan Tora, the murderer of Schlagentweit. He gave Wali Khan his sister in marriage. The temporary success of the Chinese which followed Wali Khan's flight brought great trouble on the family of our host, whose father and two brothers suffered a miserable death by torture, after which their heads were exposed by the Chinese at the gate of the city of Kashgar, from which place Artysh is twenty miles distant. Mahomed Khan, with others, fled to Kokand, and the family was only reinstated when Mahomed Yakoob Khan, lately styled Atalik-Ghazee, now Amir, had completed his conquests."

Captain Chapman proceeds thus to comment on the manner of ploughing in Eastern Turkestan:—

"A writer in the *Edinburgh Review* for October last, in treating of the breeding of horses, points out how very recently the horse has been employed in civilised countries for purposes other than those of parade or war, adding that: 'Nay, even in advanced England the ox still holds his place in the plough.' That ploughing with horses has been long practised in those provinces of Western China which now constitute the new kingdom of Kashgar there can be no doubt. In daily life the inhabitants of these regions employ the hardy ponies of the country for every possible purpose: so abundant is the supply of these animals that a 'beggar on horseback' is no unusual sight, and anyone who may prefer walking to riding is considered an eccentric. Only one pony is harnessed to the plough, and this is usually mounted by a small urchin—boy and pony



ST. ANTHOLIN'S CHURCH, CITY.

working steadily throughout the day with but a short mid-day rest. The amount of land ploughed by a pony in one day may be taken at about eighty paces by fifty paces. The plough is in the form of an iron shoe, which is fastened loosely on to the



THE LATE SIR DENIS LE MARCHANT, BART.

tree of the plough, and is removed directly labour ceases."

The manufacturing industries of this country are next made subjects of description:—

"About the first week in April the eggs of the silkworm, the creature that has from the remotest times been a source of wealth to the city of Khoten, are taken from the store-house, where they have been carefully preserved through the winter, and, being packed in small pads, are carried about their persons by the women of Eastern Turkestan during some seven or eight days, when, the mulberry-trees being in leaf, they are laid out in the sun to hatch. When the animal is in life some forty days are devoted to its care before spinning begins. Reeling is not commenced till July. The method in force is one of the simplest, and the chief requisites for the production of superior silk appear to be neglected. Apart from the fact that there has been no regulation of the temperature in which the worm has passed its life, there appears to be no idea of sorting the cocoons before reeling; and when the operation commences threads are drawn together through the eye-let to the reeling rod, without reference to number, the result being a very uneven skein. With pious Mohammedans everywhere, the aid of some saint or other is invoked in the smallest of life's undertakings; here, however, as in all matters connected with the silkworm, the prophet Job is addressed as the tutelar saint, the popular belief being that during the days of his suffering this insect, which has conferred so large a benefit on mankind, first germinated in the afflicted body of the most patient of men."

Smelting iron ore at Kizzil, in Eastern Turkestan, is the operation shown in another sketch, upon which our correspondent writes as follows:—

"The iron ore which is worked at Kizzil, a village of some 600 houses, which is about fifty miles from Yarkund on the road to Kashgar, is brought on donkeys from a low range at the eastern edge of the great ranges of the Pamir; it is of inferior quality, containing a large admixture of lime, which, however, allows of the smelting being carried on without the addition of any other

flux. The furnace is of the simplest form, having a smelting chimney about six feet high, with six flues at the base, into which the nozzles of bellows are introduced for the purpose of stimulating the draught. The iron is poured in from the top with the charcoal; in melting it falls to the bottom, and is taken out in a rough, honeycombed mass when the furnace cools. There is no market for this rough metal on the spot, and the donkeys are once more brought into requisition to convey it to the bazaars of Yarkund and Yangi-Hissar, where it is worked up in the smiths' shops. The return obtained by the poor smelters of Kizzil is, indeed, a very small one; and during the summer months, when they can labour in the fields, the smelting is almost entirely given up."

The akoe, or Kirghiz tent, erected by the people in attendance upon Sir Douglas Forsyth's travelling party has been described on a former occasion. It was commonly used by the gentlemen as a smoking-divan, while lodgings were provided for them, after their arrival at Yarkund, by the local governors, and they carried proper tents for their accommodation on the mountain road between that country and Ladak and Cashmere.

## THE LATE SIR DENIS LE MARCHANT.

The death of this veteran public servant, on the 30th ult., in the eightieth year of his age, was mentioned last week. He retired from the office of Chief Clerk to the House of Commons but three years ago. That post he had occupied twenty-one years. Before this appointment he was Secretary to the Board of Trade, but at one time to the Treasury, at another period Under Secretary of State for the Home Department. His first official service was as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having previously been private secretary to Lord Brougham. The late Baronet sat in the House of Commons as member for Worcester only a few months in 1846 and 1847. His title was conferred in 1841; it has now descended to his eldest son, Sir Henry Denis Le Marchant, a chancery barrister. The family is an old one of local renown in Guernsey. The father of the late Sir Denis was Major-General Gaspard Le Marchant, who was killed at Salamanca, commanding a cavalry brigade. A brother of the subject of this memoir is Lieutenant-General Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant, K.C.B., late Commander-in-Chief at Mal'ras, and formerly Governor of Malta, and sometime of Nova Scotia.



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## THE ROYAL VISIT TO WARWICKSHIRE.

Some Illustrations have already been given of the proceedings at Birmingham and other places visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales during their sojourn of six days—from Monday to Saturday, the 7th inst.—with the Earl and Countess of Aylesford at Packington Hall. Among the great manufacturing establishments they examined, on the Tuesday of that week, in the town of Birmingham was that of Messrs. Gillott. The outside of the building had been decorated with splendid banners and 200 small flags, which had a magnificent effect. Entering by the portico, the Royal visitors were conducted up the staircase, the walls of which had been draped with green and gold, into the warehouse. Thence they were conducted to witness the first operation in the manufacture of steel pens. The steel was first shown as it is received from Messrs. Jessop and Sons, of Sheffield, rolled out into large thin plates, firm in the grain, and evidently of the very best quality. Indeed, it is made from the best Swedish iron, which has attained such celebrity. Some of the sheets were sheared into long, narrow strips; then passed through steel rollers, which reduced them to a required thinness. Next the slips of steel were handed over to the punchers, who with strokes of a lever, given with wonderful rapidity, punched out the pen blanks—which were flat, and requiring to be curved to the ordinary shape of pens by another process. An ingenious arrangement was witnessed on these lever punches, by which the slip of steel was prevented passing further than the exact width of a pen, so that no steel should be wasted. A nimble workman or workwoman can cut as many as 200 pen shapes per minute. At a second machine, very much resembling the punching-machine in appearance, the pens were slit at the sides, and the centre hole, or ink reservoir, was punched out simultaneously. These operations also were performed with great rapidity. Still another lever operation, which stamped the pen with the names of the firm. This operation required great dexterity and cleverness, as the slightest slip would not only irretrievably damage the pen, but in all probability severely injure the operator. Next, the pens had to be moulded to the semi-cylindrical form all pens have, and, in the case of barrel pens, the barrel had to be formed. Again a hand-lever was used, the pens being placed in moulds, and strokes of the lever shaping them as required. Up to this stage the pens were still of much softer metal than is necessary for a perfect pen, and the annealing and hardening process followed. The pens were next put into small iron boxes and placed into muffles, which were at a red heat. In a few seconds the boxes with their contents were perfectly red hot, and they were taken from the furnace, the glowing pens being emptied into a tank filled with oil. This operation gave to the pens that hardness and elasticity which is so absolutely necessary to their perfection. Having remained in the oil until they were cool, the pens were placed in a box something like a sieve, which, being made to revolve rapidly, shook from the pens all the oil that adhered to them. At this stage, however, the pens were still besmeared with oil and coated with scales caused by the action of the intense heat to which they had been subjected. The oil was quickly removed by the pens being placed in revolving iron boxes filled with sawdust, and after a short sojourn in similar boxes filled with powdered "pot," they were taken forth freed from the encumbering scales. Then they passed to the hands of the grinders, who ground them on emery wheels longitudinally towards the points, and transversely across the nibs, these operations being necessary to impart the required degree of flexibility to the pens. Still the pens were quite useless for writing purposes, as they were without the central slit, along which the ink flows from the reservoir to the points of the nibs. For the last time, therefore, they passed under a lever machine, which cleverly cut them through exactly in the centre, and as cleanly as could possibly be imagined. Finally they had to be coloured, blue or brown, and this was effected by placing them for a short time in cylindrical boxes, which were made to revolve slowly over a charcoal fire. A few turns and they were thrown upon an iron slab, brilliant and glowing. One more process only—the pens were immersed in a solution of shellac and spirit, which gave them a glossy appearance, and a slight heat dried them perfectly. Then, at last, appeared the finished pens. Their Royal Highnesses appeared to watch the different processes with much interest; and we ought not to forget to mention the processes of making and covering pen-boxes, which attracted a good deal of attention.

In describing the reception of the Prince and Princess at Birmingham, it should have been mentioned that Messrs. John Edgington and Co., of London, were employed in some of the very successful decorations.

The festivities at Packington were wound up on the Friday evening by a grand ball, to which some 400 persons had been invited. The preparations for the event were on a scale of great magnificence. A temporary ball-room, 84 ft. long by 38 ft. in width, had been erected on the terrace at the south side of the hall, immediately adjoining the great library, which served as the ante-room. The walls and ceilings were covered with white cloth tightly strained, and divided into bays and panels by means of crimson pilasters and narrow gilt mouldings, lit up by innumerable brackets and girandoles bearing wax candles. At one end of the room, in a recess richly upholstered with lace and lino curtains, stood the dais, and at the opposite extremity was the orchestra. Upon the floor of the ball-room, which was of polished pine, were placed at intervals near the walls a number of semicircular stands, covered with crimson, upon which were arranged large masses of choice exotics; and a grotto decorated in rustic style with virgin cork and ferns, and a central fountain, well illuminated with coloured lanterns, served to connect the ball-room with the library. The park, house, and grounds were illuminated in the same way as for the arrival of the Prince and Princess on the Monday, and presented a very beautiful appearance. At a quarter to eleven o'clock the ball was opened by a quadrille, in which the Royal and Imperial guests took part. The Princess of Wales, who wore a dress of white silk, heavily trimmed with black velvet and diamond ornaments, gave her hand to the Earl of Aylesford. The Prince of Wales danced with the Duchess of Manchester, the Czarewitch with the Countess of Aylesford, who wore a dress of rich white satin, profusely trimmed with Brussels lace and diamond ornaments. The Marquis of Hartington danced with Lady Westmoreland. Dancing continued uninterruptedly until two o'clock, when supper was served in the dining-room and smaller library. After this the company again flocked to the ball-room until the dancing was over.

On the Saturday, before quitting Warwickshire for their own rural seat in Norfolk, the Prince and Princess visited the fine old city of Coventry. They arrived, with Lord and Lady Aylesford, and other ladies and gentlemen, from Packington about noon. The streets of the town and road of approach were adorned with triumphal arches and flags. The Mayor (Mr. H. Soden) and the Mayoress met the Royal visitors under the spacious pavilion erected on the Holyhead-road, and bade them welcome to Coventry. The Mayoress presented the Princess of Wales with an elegant bouquet of flowers, secured by a ribbon, on the ends of which were woven, in colours, a view of the city, and "Presented by the ladies of Coventry." Mr. Thomas

Stevens wove this ribbon. The Princess graciously accepted the gift, and retained it throughout the day. The procession entered the city with an escort and guard of Royal Horse Artillery, Lancers, and Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers. The route was down the Holyhead-road into Fleet-street, and up Smithford-street, along High-street, and through Hay-lane and Bayley-lane to St. Mary's Hall, where the address to their Royal Highnesses was to be presented. This hall was beautifully decorated. The seat prepared for the Prince and Princess was of carved oak, in which it is said Henry VI. was wont to sit. It was placed on the raised platform at the north end of the hall, immediately in front of the tapestry, which forms one of its most costly ornaments. The oriel window immediately on the right of the Royal dais contained a sculptured figure of Lady Godiva when she made her memorable ride through the streets of the city, and freed the burgesses from the taxes that "oppressed them sore." The Mayor conducted the Princess of Wales up the room, and the Prince of Wales escorted the Mayoress, followed by Lord and Lady Aylesford and the ladies and gentlemen in waiting. The city officials followed. The audience rose as the procession passed down the centre of the hall, and saluted their Royal Highnesses, who graciously bowed in acknowledgment. Their Royal Highnesses having been conducted to their seats, the Town Clerk read the address, to which the Prince replied. The procession was then re-formed, and left the hall in the order in which it entered. The Prince and Princess visited the Church of St. Michael. At the railway station the Royal train was in waiting. In the saloon prepared for their Royal Highnesses were the Czarewitch, Prince Dolgorouky, and Prince Wolkowsky. The Czarewitch was recognised as the train was leaving, and received a cheer, which was soon drowned by the parting cheers for the Prince and Princess. The city was illuminated at night.

## THE NEW AFRICAN EXPEDITION.

The *Daily Telegraph* has received communications of a most interesting nature from its commissioner, Mr. Henry M. Stanley, announcing the successful exploration of the Delta and main channel of the river Rufiji, which flows into the sea some seventy miles to the south of Zanzibar. The letter, which is very copious in information, is dated from Zanzibar, Oct. 19. Leaving that island on the last day of September in his yawl, the Wave, Mr. Stanley, accompanied by his two Englishmen, Pocock and Francis, sailed down to the Simbo-Oranga mouth in the Delta, and proceeded up this into the main stream, which he stemmed to a point much higher than had previously been reached. He found two wide and navigable mouths and an upper channel which carried his boat on five feet of water quite easily to Kisu—the point where the slave-caravans of the interior, as he found, regularly cross on their way to Dar Salaam and the northern ports. From information acquired in many quarters, he reports that canoes and light-draught launches might ascend as high as 240 miles from the coast; and his observations establish the possibility of a flourishing and prosperous trade in ivory and gum-copal, drugs and grain, with the populous tribes of the alluvial plain through which the Rufiji flows. He also points out with clear detail how the launches of her Majesty's squadron upon this coast may, by ascending, properly equipped, to Kisu, completely stop the overland slave-traffic which now crosses the stream at this point. Mr. Stanley reports most favourably upon the sailing qualities of his little vessel, the Wave, and, after surveying and mapping the Delta of the Rufiji and visiting the island of Mafia in the offing, he returned, all well, to Zanzibar, and was enlisting his men for the expedition into the interior.

## RE-NAMING OF STREETS.

The Metropolitan Board of Works has decided upon the following alterations in the names of streets and the re-numbering of houses within the metropolitan district:—Talbot-road, Notting-hill, to be called Talbot-grove, and the houses re-numbered; St. Leonard's-terrace, Maida-vale, to be incorporated with Blomfield-street under the latter name, and the houses re-numbered in continuation of those in Blomfield-street; Baker's-row and Charles-street, Whitechapel, will be incorporated with Livingstone-street, and the houses re-numbered. Princes-street and Old Montague-street, Whitechapel, to be incorporated under the latter name. The name Keating-street will be applied to a new-street to lead out of Brayard-road, Peckham, on the condition that no barriers be at any time erected or obstruction caused to the free use by the public of the street. The name of Kellond-street will be given to a new street to lead out of Baker-street, Clerkenwell. St. Mark's-road and St. Mark's-gardens, Kensington, to be incorporated under the former name, and the houses re-numbered. Harley-road, Kensington, will be called Harley-gardens. Great Garden-street and High-street, Whitechapel, to be incorporated under the former name and the houses re-numbered. The Board has passed the following order with respect to Disraeli-road, Putney:—"That the name Cambridge-road be abolished as being improperly affixed in the new road formed at Putney and leading from High-street eastward, on the northern side of the South-Western Railway, and named Disraeli-road; that the latter name be affixed in the said road according to law; and that notice of this order be given to the Board of Works for the district of Wandsworth, pursuant to the 87th section of the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862." The following names have been sanctioned for new roads to lead out of Rosemary-road, Peckham: Lidgate-road, Graylands-road, Castlemain-road, Fendick-road, Hazlemere-road, and Grenard-road, on condition that no barriers be erected at any time. The houses in Devonport-street, Commercial-road East, will be re-numbered, and the subsidiary names abolished in Pomeroy-street, Dennett-road, and Lausanne-road, Hatcham; Holland-road, Brixton; King Arthur-street, Peckham; and Bevington-road, Notting-hill.

A curious story has come to the knowledge of the *Manchester Courier's* Sheffield correspondent regarding the manner in which colliers' greyhounds (used in rabbit-coursing) are kept. A Sheffield collier took his greyhound, valued at £40, to a veterinary surgeon for his advice. He told the surgeon that he thought the dog was not right, for she would not "eat her mutton the day afore, and that morning she wouldn't hev her eggs and port wine." When she refused her breakfast of eggs and port wine he was sure she was wrong. On being asked what he gave his dog, the collier said that he bought for the dog every week two nice little legs of Welsh mutton, and when she could not be tempted by a slice out of the middle of a leg he became uneasy. Fresh eggs and wine (some favoured sherry, he preferred port) were the best things for these dogs. The veterinary surgeon pronounced the dog to be mad, and its owner confessed that she had bitten several human beings and a number of other dogs. The collier, on being asked to inform the persons bitten and the owners of the dogs, replied, "Nay, not I. They mun find it out." This collier earned 50s. to 60s. a week, and his wife and children had to rest content with any scraps, that the dog might be fed and pampered like himself.

## BLIND MAN'S HOLIDAY.

If the real winter-time has not yet begun—when does winter begin nowadays?—summer, at all events, has long passed away, and winter dresses, flowers, and fruits have taken the place of the lighter and brighter attendants of July and August; the warm beauty of long days, rich in ease and comfort, is over, though the charm of white untrampled snow and glittering icicles has not yet come. Even yet, every other day is hardly cold enough for fires, though it is cheerless without them; and the weather changes its mind twice a week with great regularity.

But winter's one great advantage over the summer has come—we have evenings now. Summer is so thoroughly an out-of-door time that its evenings are a mere prolongation of the day, and after sunset one hardly knows what to do till bedtime; but in the winter there are long comfortable evenings—in how many homely stories have been painted their pleasures of family talk, work, reading, when the fire is burning cheerily, the lamp lighted, and the warm red curtains drawn! In the country especially, when there is the life of boys and girls about the house to prevent quiet from degenerating into dullness, this is, perhaps, the happiest part of the day. Neighbours drop in—both the friend of the old people, who gravely discusses the news of their little circle, while the children whisper eagerly at the table; and the young "neebor-laddie," who, as on Saturday night in Burns's cottage, comes shyly wooing: who sits un-comfortably on the chair most distant from the object of his affections, talks politics with the father, scandal, religion, cookery, maybe, with the mother, cricket with the younger brothers, and nonsense with the little sister, and only to her (and to his friend her brother) speaks hardly a word with his lips, however eloquent his eyes may be—however much he may think, throughout the dull talk of the elders, of her quiet beauty as she sits behind the table sewing or moves about the room at household work—however sweet to him are her brief occasional sentences about her poor, her birds, the dress (delightful familiar confidence!) she means to wear at Thursday's dance.

Yet there is one delight of winter perhaps even more highly valued, though briefer, than the cheery evening; it is that debatable time between day and night, too dark for work, yet hardly dark enough for the lamp, the twilight of poets, known to children by the still more imaginative name of Blind Man's Holiday. Young men generally do not like it—it seems a waste of time to their hasty energy; but to older people and younger—to fathers and mothers and to children—the repose of this *heureux quart d'heure* has a charm all its own. The fire-light dances on the hearthrug, and in the fire itself are gleaming castles, dells, giants' heads, and couchant lions; on the walls and ceiling are soft dark shadows, which nod to one kindly, like old friends; without, there is a dying gleam of red low down in the sky, slowly yielding to the spreading gloom of night; within, on every chair, under the table, lying on the floor, laughing or listening delighted to fairy stories, are little elves—elves real and living, with strong clutch and resonant voices, who take hold at once of one's sleeve and of one's heart with their masterful hands.

What is it that makes the touch of a child's hand so inexpressibly endearing? Whether one holds the tiny waxen fingers of a baby, or is seized impetuously by the absurd strength of a boy of six or eight, it thrills one with the same pity and love—a pity and a love more needed, perhaps, twenty or forty years hence, when the child has become a man, than now when his helplessness is his best protection, but giving to the wildest romping of children a charm, like that of sweet music, which makes its remembrance tender rather than mirthful, purifying and holy.

One can hardly say whether the children or their elders most enjoy this Blind Man's Holiday, this time of fairy-tale and play. The father—the barrister, after hours of keen cross-examining, the City man, when bulls and bears and other savage beasts have been worrying his life out—feels, perhaps, more consciously the delight of its innocent and loving mirth; but children, I think, are capable of a more exuberant and universal enjoyment than grown-up people. Moreover, to a child, though conscious poetry as yet is not, there is a "natural magic" about everything; and in twilight, the time filled with richest possibilities of poetry, this magic clothes the shadows on the wall, the bell of the muffin-man coming nearer through the darkness and then again lost in it, even the legs of chairs and tables in the gloom. "The light that never was on sea or land" strangely illumines everything for children—there is a keenness, a beauty about their delights which in after-life at best attends but the memory or the imagining of pleasures. Has there not been to most men

A time when meadow, grove, and stream,  
The earth and every common sight,  
To us did seem  
Apparell'd in celestial light,  
The glory and the freshness of a dream?

So the most common-place verses are sources of poetry to a child, the most threadbare of similes, because the common-places of poetry are the thoughts which earliest and most naturally found expression in verse, and which, stale to us, are to a thinking child new and pregnant with thought, deep as its mind can bear. This is, perhaps, one reason why some of the poems of Wordsworth seem so trivial—he, like a child, saw the beauty of everything, and could not distinguish between that beauty of which the simple record is poetry and that which needs to have its special meaning to the poet's mind clearly spoken: of which something to a certain extent new as well as true must be said.

Thus are poets in some way children—children poets; and to all poets the time of twilight has its deep abiding charm, even if it be saddened by the loneliness of a house without youth. To all poets—whether writers of verse, or workers in the hardest region of fact, or preachers, or eager boys, or mothers whose poetry is lived, not spoken, or sweet, thoughtful girls of twelve or fourteen—into whose twilight dreams, all dim and lovely, unspoiled by sham romance, what older eye can look? Dreams, foreshadowings, remembrances—there are few lives of which these do not make up a great part; and, instinct with gaiety and noise of children's romping as Blind Man's Holiday often is, it is yet the hour of all hours consecrated to musing—to thoughts apart from the rush and struggle of daily life. It is a time of vague associations, glimpses of an indefinite past, to which we can assign neither date nor place—of what is it that the rustling of fallen leaves in the shrubbery reminds us, awaking strange longings, ghosts of an impossible "might have been"?

Are they dead hopes that haunt us,  
Or joys that never were?

We cannot say: it is a voice whispering tenderly in an unknown tongue; it is a melody that tells us old familiar things, which yet have passed away and left only shadowy traces, like glowing clouds after sunset, more beautiful than the noonday sky, whose glory is departed.

All memories paint happiness in colours brighter than its reality wore, and have yet a strange dreamy sadness of their own; most of all, these twilight memories, when fair haunting figures, echoes of past music, glimpses of pictures we shall never see, dream-children like Elia's, hover round us, clasp us and caress us, in the pleasant gloom of Blind Man's Holiday.



## MEMBERS OUT OF PARLIAMENT.

Nothing can be greater than the contrast between Mr. Gladstone and his eldest son, all the fiery qualities which are ever incandescent in the one being in no way characteristic of the other. Nature seems to have decreed that while the one should be a world's wonder as an ardent politician and a progressive—rapidly progressive—Prime Minister of England, the other should appear to be exactly fitted for a quiet, ungarrulous Junior Lord of the Treasury. Everyone knows in what manner the ex-Premier speaks, how ardently, with what velocity, with what infinite variety, and how very often; whereas Mr. W. H. Gladstone scarcely even indulges in a speech, and when he does so he delivers himself slowly, and, in a word, in what has been called the broad-wheeled waggon style. The comparison might be carried much farther; but what has been said will serve the purpose of introducing Mr. Gladstone, the son, into this chronicle, and stating that he has been communing with his constituents at Whitby, and talking to them rather æsthetically, the occasion being the opening of an Institute. His observations, examples, and illustrations were appropriate, and so much to the purpose, that if the speech had been uttered by Lord Derby (and it was not unlike his usual style) it would have been echoed through the country as the concentrated essence of practical wisdom.

It is notable that there are several instances of members in the House bearing the same name. Thus, sometimes, in examining developments of politics in the provinces, one may come on the name of Mr. Bright, exhibiting himself at some Conservative meeting; and there is a momentary surprise, which is easily got over by those who remember that there is in the House a gentleman of that name, who sits for a division of Somersetshire, and who has that grand talent for silence—at any rate, in Parliament—which characterises so many of the bucolic members. More instances could be adduced; but reference is now being made to the appearance, the other day, at a place in Gloucestershire, of a Mr. Plunkett. Now there is in the House a Mr. Plunkett who is distinguished for his eloquence, his manly bearing, and his political knowledge, especially as regards Ireland; and therefore, at the first glance, a mental inquiry would arise—how gat he, a member for the University of Dublin, in Gloucestershire? But there are Plunketts and Plunketts (both are Honourable, as the sons of Peers); and the real man who has been starring it in his province is Mr. Randall of that name, who is deemed worthy of mention here, as a Parliamentary neophyte of the last election, when he won a seat for the Conservative party, supplying the place of Mr. Marling, the late Liberal member for West Gloucestershire, and defeating Colonel Berkeley, whose family is a power in that part of the country.

Indefatigable, ubiquitous Sir Wilfrid Lawson has been glancing like a will-o'-the-wisp over all parts of the country in pursuance of his anti-alcoholic crusade. His power of continuance in his peculiar style of speaking is wonderful, and lately at Bristol he seemed as fresh and hearty as ever he was. His faculty for provoking mirth is inexhaustible; but the other day he was the involuntary cause of laughter, for the chairman of the meeting unwittingly introduced him to the assembly as "the Rev. Mr. Lawson," which, on the face of it, was a ludicrously inapplicable title. Then Mr. Stansfeld is "stumping" on a question in an antagonistic sense, and seems resolved to go down to posterity in connection with it. There are some, perhaps, over-refined people who say that it may be that the distinction which he will thus gain in history will be, like witches' prayers, read backwards.

When the Gladstone Government was reconstructed, towards the end of last year, Mr. Arthur Peel was transferred from the Secretaryship of the Board of Trade—a function which he was believed to fulfil adequately—to the office of Patronage Secretary to the Treasury, which involves the undertaking of the arduous duties of "whip-in-chief." Those who knew anything of Mr. Peel's qualities were somewhat surprised; for, amiable, pleasing, and sensible as he admittedly is, he had not exhibited that kind of activity of mind and body, that ardency of spirit, that inexpressible something which is associated with a master "whip." He had no opportunity of showing what it was that induced Mr. Gladstone to select him for such an important duty, so far as actual office was concerned, as the reconstructed Ministry did not meet the new Parliament. He had, however, an opportunity for gaining experience in "whipping" which would have been in some sort delightful to a man who had an ambition and the genius for the management of party. For there was an Opposition in a considerable minority, depressed, disjoined, and politically demoralised, and it would have been a grand thing to have rallied, marshalled, and disciplined such a body, to have rendered it homogeneous, and by so much more powerful as an Opposition. It needs no ghost to tell us that the Liberal Opposition showed no sign of unification, presented no firm front last Session; but was a disorganised mob without leaders. The deduction is that Mr. Peel failed to develop the powers which the situation demanded, and eventually, on the score of ill-health, he withdrew from the position into which he had perhaps rashly entered, and the headship of the "whips" reverted to Mr. Adam, whose long experience in party management and sterling qualities had pointed him out as the legitimate successor of Mr. Glyn when that gentleman was removed to another and a quieter place than that in which he used to bustle, by his accession to the Peerage. Whatever a "whip" can do with a body in such a plight as is the Liberal Opposition in the House will doubtless be done by Mr. Adam, and if, owing to the impracticable material on which he has to work, he should not achieve success, it is quite certain that he will have deserved it. Of course, this dissertation is apropos of the circumstance of Mr. Peel addressing his constituents at Warwick, in a long and weighty speech a few days ago.

It is very seldom or never that Colonel Barttelot finds himself otherwise than in good favour with the House, and therefore he does not put any restraint on himself in expressing his somewhat dogmatic opinions, but asserts them with a loudness and an emphasis which is almost amusing. His having recently made an appearance before some meeting brings to mind another appearance which he made before a very different audience, and one which did not in the least show itself as respecting him personally. It happened that during one of the hottest debates of the Church Congress at Brighton, a few weeks ago, when the High and Low Church parties were developing all the force and capacity of the "odium theologicum," Colonel Barttelot sought to introduce, in his own person, some of the lay element into the raging controversy. He at once began in his regular House-of-Commons way, which has been above sketched, and it seemed that he was more than usually assertive. Scarce had he spoken two sentences in an ultra-Protestant sense than the High-Churchites rose at him like one man. The Low-Churchites, much the minority, put forth all their lung power in his behalf, and there was a scene, with which even those which sometimes occur in the French Assembly are tame and spiritless. The gallant member for Sussex stood the pitiless pelting of his antagonists sturdily for some time, but, his adherents in the meeting being out-bellowed, he had no resource at length but to retire.

## WINTER EXHIBITIONS.

## SOCIETY OF FRENCH ARTISTS.

The collection of pictures brought together, under the direction of M. Durand Ruel, at the gallery in New Bond-street, illustrates, as on former occasions, the latest phase of practice in a section of the French school. For many years there was a succession of French artists—forming, however, but a small minority in their school—who, confessedly influenced by Constable, Bonington, and other English painters whose works have been exhibited and admired in France, aimed only at conveying broad impressions of nature by large and bold treatment. A few of these artists are represented here—as, for instance, G. Michel, in "Fishermen on the Seine" (24), which recalls the powerful picturesque manner of the best masters of our early Norwich school; the veteran Corot and C. F. Daubigny, to whose works we shall recur; Jules Dupré, who appears, not very favourably, however, in "A Land-Storm" (55) and another minor work; and Troyon, who likewise is represented only in a sketchy though vigorous picture of "Harrowing" (43). Two of these painters—Messrs. Corot and Daubigny—who are still living, and who have had most influence on their contemporaries, have carried the generalisation of natural appearances by the suppression of detail farther than most others of like aims. M. Corot has sought (in his later style) to idealise landscape, to dispose masses, particularly of conventional foliage, so as to give a semi-classical air; he seldom fails at the same time to secure a beautiful naturalistic effect of (generally silvery) light and air which irradiate and breathe through the scene. Both his colouring and effects are, however, so limited in range that he is almost invariably seen to greater advantage in small pictures of a given view (of which there are examples here) than in large, ambitious compositions, such as the *morne*, but unimpressive and monotonous, "Dante and Virgil" (67). M. Daubigny is a more realistic painter; yet his execution is conventional by reason of careless assurance, by the dashing on of breadths of paint, which frequently the eye can with difficulty reconcile with the intended impression, and which sometimes sacrifices the character of the scene, as in the view here of "The Thames below Greenwich" (63), which a Londoner would scarcely recognise. There is apparently more local truth in "On the Banks of the Oise" (59); but much finer, because more regulated and complete, is "The Cooper" (97). In truth, though the most unequal of painters, occasionally when he has a happy inspiration, when he trusts less to haphazard handling and does justice to himself, M. Daubigny produces landscape-work of a very high order.

These and other French painters who have adopted an ultra-broad mode of representation were long held in small repute in their own country, but latterly the fashion has set in their favour. A movement has been started which may be described as towards the exactly opposite extreme from our pre-Raphaelitism. Hosts of imitators have appeared, doomed, like all followers, to be behind. The affected slightness of Corot and the reckless bravura of Daubigny are, sooth to say, responsible for a great deal of very inefficient, if not bad, art. We need not dwell on the examples here of the followers of this school, such as C. Monet, Renoir, Sisley, Pissaro, and others, so strong is their family resemblance. They can be rated only as slight transcripts of effect or diagrams of particular scenes, like the able but too positive Sussex landscape of Madame Cazin, done with little mental effort or style. Of course, as sketches they have the charm, common to all works of their class, of freshness of colour and suggestiveness in proportion always to the knowledge of nature which the spectator brings to them. But there is such a thing as measure in art, and competent criticism cannot accept a rudimentary or elementary representation, even if ever so accurate or felicitous, as occupying the same level with a thoughtfully conceived and thoroughly wrought-out picture. A landscape study called "Souvenirs of Berkhamstead" (26), by M. Legros, which is a *ne plus ultra* sample of this school, will illustrate what we mean; a leaf of the artist's sketch-book would have more than sufficed to contain all that there is of artistic interest or value on this one of the largest canvases in the room. In justice to M. Legros we must add that his portrait of Mr. Woolner is strikingly lifelike and vigorous.

There are, however, several works of mark in the exhibition which have little or no affinity to the preceding. By Mr. Alma Tadema there is an artistic little sketch of "The Minister, Münster" (8). Madrazo's picture of a lady with "A Cup of Coffee" (87) is wonderfully animated and brilliant—indeed, rather gaudy and feverish in colour. Roybet's "Beer Drinker" (27) has extraordinary force, attained, however, by a blackness in the shadows common in the Spanish school, which is more misplaced in the open-air scene, No. 70. "Lady in a White Dress" (40), by A. Stevens; "Return from the Battue" (79), by Jules Ferrey; "The Honeymoon" (112), by Duez; two small pictures by De Nittis; No. 39, by J. Laurens; and a splendid series of flower-pieces by Fantin are also commended to notice. "The Old Stone House" (52), by J. F. Millet, exemplifies the grim pathos with which the artist invests the ugliest, most unpromising subjects from French peasant life. But the range of his genius is better shown in a series of chalk designs for pictures. In the lower room is a terra-cotta cast of Dalou's "Paysanne Française," exhibited at the Royal Academy two years ago, and engraved in our pages.

The deputation from the O'Connell Monument Committee have this week inspected the model of the monument in Mr. Foley's studio. Portions of the monument are nearly complete, and, by aid of the model, plans, and sketches left by the deceased sculptor, there will be no difficulty in completing the whole according to the original design.

The Indian committee have sent home a request to the committee in London to select another artist to complete the late Mr. Foley's unfinished statue of Lord Canning.

A marble bust of the Archbishop of Canterbury, presented to St. Peter's Orphanage, Thanet, by Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., was unveiled on Tuesday. It is life size, and has been executed by Mr. Weekes, R.A.

Mr. Sydney Hodges has completed a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Stoughton, which has been presented to that distinguished Nonconformist and theologian by a member of his congregation. The portrait is, we understand, to be engraved.

The 42nd Highlanders embarked at Portsmouth last Saturday on board the Himalaya for Malta, their new station. This regiment, famous as the Black Watch, consists of about 700 men.

The Duke of Westminster was, on Monday, elected president of the Cheshire Chamber of Agriculture, in the place of Lord de Tabley, who asked to be relieved from the duties of the office.

We learn from Japan that his Excellency Yoshida Kirjonari, having been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, resigned the position of Vice-Minister of Finance on Sept. 10.

## NATIONAL SPORTS.

Despite somewhat unfavourable weather, which made afternoons at Aintree anything but pleasant, the Liverpool Autumn Meeting proved as successful as usual, and we think the Messrs. Topham have acted wisely in bringing forward the great event to the Thursday. The Stewards' Cup, with £250 added, was the chief event of the first day, and produced a splendid finish between Day Dream (6st. 9lb.) and the luckless Mohican (7st. 4lb.), who is best known under his old name Chingachgook, the latter succumbing by a short head. Oxford Mixture (7st. 12lb.) returned to her old practice of running third, and His Grace (6st. 4lb.) performed no better than in the Cambridgeshire. The Knowsley Nursery was remarkable for the very easy victory of Trappist (8st. 12lb.), as he gave no less than 35lb. to his nearest opponent, and promises to add greatly to the reputation of Hermit, who seems likely to become one of the most fashionable sires of the day. The Grand Sefton Steeplechase, the first important cross-country event of the season, took place on the Wednesday, and fell an easy prey to the favourite, Duc de Beaufort (11st. 1lb.). Berserker (12st. 3lb.) and Miss Hungerford (12st. 2lb.) ran pretty well; but Furley (12st. 7lb.) refused the first fence, and took no part in the race. Captain Macbell's Leveret was made a strong favourite for two nursery handicaps, but could only manage to run into a place on each occasion.

There was a very heavy programme on the Thursday, but the Liverpool Cup was the only race to which we need refer. It brought out a capital field of twenty-one, a number that has only been exceeded on one occasion—in 1856, the year in which the stake was established. The sensation of the race was the persistent manner in which the ancient Sabinus (7st. 9lb.) was backed; indeed, his friends asserted that he had recovered all the form which enabled him to win the City and Suburban, Great Metropolitan, and Cambridgeshire. His running was, therefore, a great disappointment to them, as he never held a prominent position from start to finish; nor did Vanderdecken (8st. 6lb.), another "bottled up" candidate, perform any better. Servia (7st. 2lb.) made the running at a terrific pace for nearly a mile—very suicidal policy for a heavily-weighted three-year-old; indeed, it is said that Bruckshaw had waiting orders. As soon as they turned into the straight he was beaten, and Kidbrooke (5st. 12lb.) took up the running. Fully three hundred yards from home, however, it was apparent that Louise Victoria (7st. 9lb.) had the race in hand, and she won cleverly by a length from Thunder (8st. 12lb.), who beat Pageant (6st. 13lb.) by the same distance. Spectator (7st.) finished fourth, but the mile and a half was clearly a little too far for him. It will be remembered that Louise Victoria was only beaten a head for this same race last season, after running as badly for the Cesarewitch as she did this year. The programme on the last day was strengthened by the addition of the Great Lancashire Handicap, a new race over a mile course, to which £500 was added. Lowlander (9st. 6lb.), who had been specially reserved for this event, was made favourite, but he could only run third to Spectator (7st. 8lb.) and the Miss Hawthorn colt (6st. 7lb.). The distance exactly suited Lord Wilton's representative, who performed far better than on the previous day; still, had the Miss Hawthorn colt got off on equal terms with him, the positions of the first and second might have been reversed.

The Coquetdale Open Meeting was by far the most important of several coursing fixtures last week, and no less than seventy-four dogs came to the slips for the Puppy Stakes. The weather on the three days was all that could be desired; hares proved strong and plentiful; and the untiring exertions of Dr. Richardson, the honorary secretary, were rewarded by a thoroughly successful gathering. Apology, by Wharfinger—Cestus, and Tipton Green, by Gilsland—Blenkinsopp Lass, divided the Puppy Stakes. The former is remarkably smart and clever, but she was somewhat lucky in beating Holland and Die Zauberiote, on whom 3 to 1 and 5 to 1 were respectively laid. Britain Yet went with all her old fire in the Coquetdale Cup for all ages; but Messenger, by Waywarden—Jess, led her in the final course, and, as the hare persistently favoured him, he won very cleverly. Mr. Hedley's decisions were very well received throughout, and Bootiman's slipping satisfied everyone.

The final heat of the Colquhoun Sculls took place on the Cam, on Saturday last, when Close, of Trinity, beat Dicker, of St. John's, who steered a bad course, pretty easily. The winner is the third of his family who has gained the Sculls, and Dicker is a younger brother of the amateur champion.

The Freshmen's Sports have just taken place both at Oxford and Cambridge, but no very remarkable performances have been accomplished.

## THE TYPHOON AT HONG-KONG.

The coasts of China were visited, on the night of Sept. 22, by the most terrible and destructive typhoon hurricane yet recorded. Macao, the Portuguese settlement at the entrance to the Canton river, and the British settlement of Hong-Kong, upon an island forty miles distant, suffered immense loss both of property and human life. The damage at these two places is estimated at a million and a half of dollars. The number of lives destroyed can only be reckoned by thousands. It seems, indeed, that the disaster was much worse felt at Macao than at Hong-Kong. It was aggravated, too, in the Portuguese town by a fire, which is thought to have been the work of incendiaries desiring the opportunity for plunder. The town was reduced almost to ruins. About 600 Chinese vessels were sunk in the Typa harbour. At Hong-Kong the loss of life has been estimated from 2000 to 5000 persons. Fourteen steamers and merchant-vessels in the harbour were sunk, besides a large number of Chinese junks, and four ships were cast ashore. Among these was the Pacific Mail Steam Company's ship Alaska, which, our readers may perhaps recollect, conveyed Mr. Simpson, the Special Artist of this Journal, on his leaving China or Japan for America last year. There was some hope of salvage from the Alaska. The Spanish steamers Albay and Leonore were sunk off Douglas Lapraik's wharf. Thirty-six men of their crews were saved by the exertions of Mr. G. Tafer and his brother, the American engineers of the Hong-Kong Insurance engine. The gun-boat Flamer, of her Majesty's navy, was thrown up amidst the fragments of the bath-house and boat-house connected with the Hong-Kong Recreation Company. The Praya or Quay, extending along the entire front of the town, was overlowed to a depth of 4ft., and large portions of the sea-wall facing the Praya were demolished. Huge blocks of granite from this wall were tossed against the opposite houses. The storm began about six o'clock in the evening, and continued till six in the morning, but was at its height between two and three o'clock. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, and several other buildings in the town of Victoria, were destroyed. Our illustrations are from photographs taken by the Hong-Kong Photographic Company. We have to thank the editor of the *China Mail* at Hong-Kong for sending us these, with a special edition of his journal.



THE LATE TYPHOON AT HONG-KONG



H.M. GUN-BOAT FLAMER AMIDST THE RUINS OF THE BOAT-HOUSE AND SWIMMING-BATH.



THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S STEAMER ALASKA—CAST ASHORE.

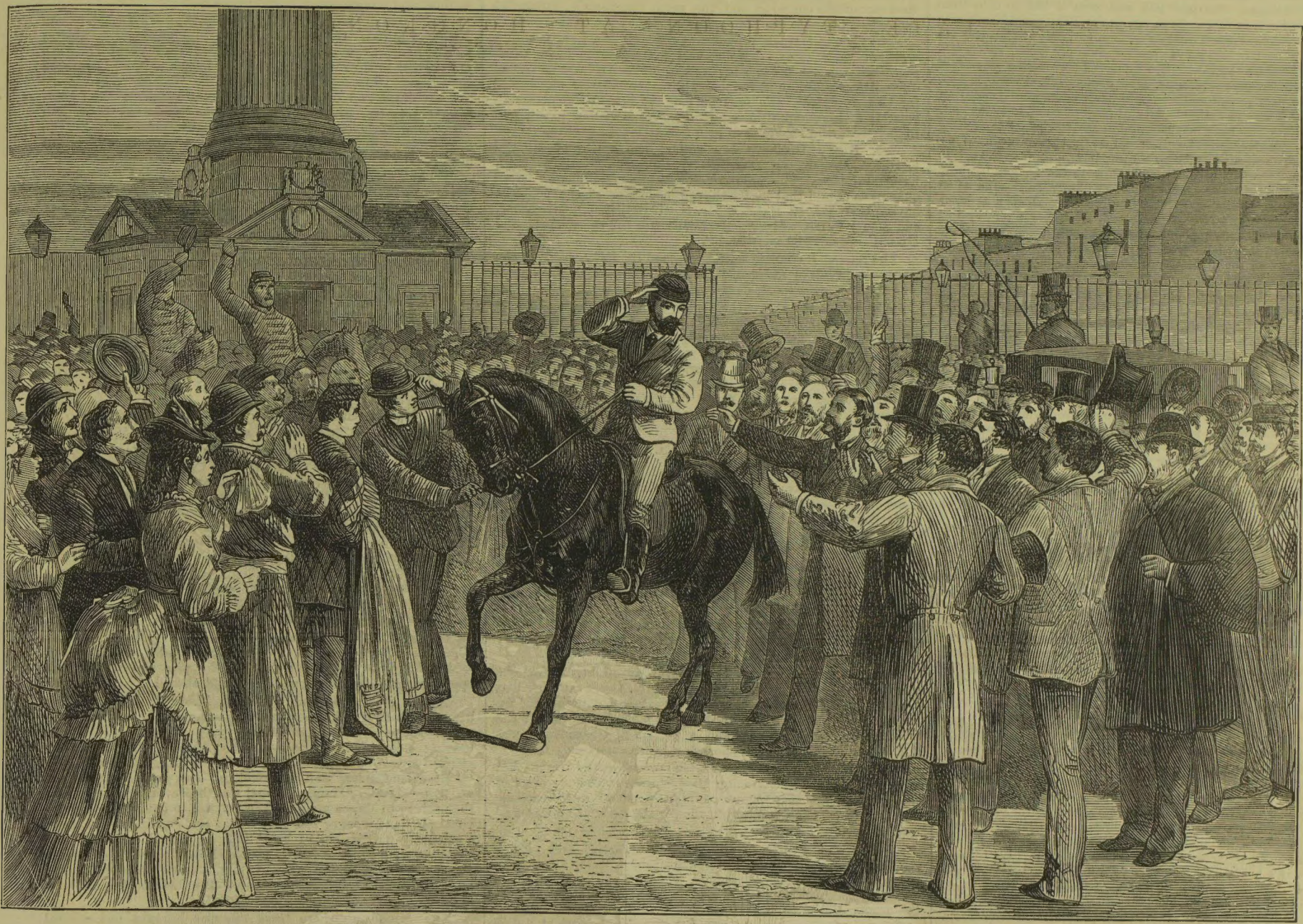




ONE TOUCH OF NATURE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD KIN.

FROM THE PICTURE BY E. CROFT.





THE RIDE FROM VIENNA TO PARIS: ARRIVAL OF LIEUTENANT ZUBOWITZ AT THE BARRIERE DU TRONE.



SCENE FROM "SWEETHEARTS," AT THE PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.



## THE RIDE FROM VIENNA TO PARIS.

The exploit of Lieutenant Count von Zubowitz, an Austrian officer of Hussars, who had laid and won a bet to ride from Vienna to Paris in fifteen days, on one and the same horse, was greeted by the French Jockey Club with great applause. He arrived at the Barrière du Trône on Monday week, two hours and a half before the prescribed time. There was a crowd of nearly two thousand persons, who received him with cheers. He wore a grey jacket and breeches, with boots and Hungarian cap. He is a man of rather small stature, but compactly for his age. Neither horse nor rider seemed much distressed by their long journey. The successful equestrian was met at Vincennes by two French sporting men, who accompanied him into town. It appears that this bet was offered by him to the Jockey Club of Vienna, several members of which had expressed doubts as to the endurance of his mare Caradoc, an animal of a crossed strain of English and Hungarian blood, seven years old, and of a brown bay colour. His own bet was not large, but on its being accepted large bets were made on the event, amounting, it is said, to as much as a million francs. Lieutenant von Zubowitz set off without any baggage, purposing to purchase by the way such changes of linen as he should need. He came by way of Ulm, Strasburg (where a grand bouquet was presented to him by the ladies), St. Didier, Nancy, and Tournon, travelling always at a moderate trot for twenty minutes at a time and changing then to a walk, but never breaking into a gallop. At Tournon, as he was passing by the railway station, a stallion which was fastened to a ring kicked his mare, and he was compelled to halt for twenty-four hours. During the seven succeeding days, feeling certain that if he allowed the mare to lie down in the stable she would be enfeebled by such complete rest, he spent the nights beside her with a whip in his hand to compel her to remain on her legs. In these seven days he scarcely slept two hours in the twenty-four. The whole distance is 678 miles, so that his riding averaged 45½ miles a day. Caradoc is therefore, as Ancient Pistol would allow, not one of those

Packhorses,  
And hollow pampered jades of Asia,  
Which cannot go but thirty miles a day.

The indefatigable rider had a banquet given to him, at the Grand Hotel, Paris, by the Austrian residents, to celebrate the feat he performed with his mare. Among the toasts was one to Mdle. Stoltz, a young lady to whom the Lieutenant is engaged, and to whom he sent telegrams at every stage of his long ride. He received an invitation to dine with Marshal MacMahon at the Elysée, and did so on Thursday week.

## SCENE FROM "SWEETHEARTS."

The new dramatic play of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, on the stage of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, was commended last week by our ordinary critical reporter of such productions. The acting, especially, of Miss Marie Wilton (that is, Mrs. Bancroft), in the coquettish tricksiness of Jenny Northcote, was pronounced a very charming piece of character. Her gardening diversion with Harry Spreadbrow, whose part is borne by Mr. Coghlan, presents an incident very easily recognised in our illustration. A young woman has a fair opportunity of teasing a young man's heart with interesting emotions when they are kneeling at opposite sides of a flower-bed with a sapling plant to be set in earth between them. Old Wilcox, the guardian of this horticultural Paradise, might have provided for the lively couple a less perilous employment. But it will be turned to happy account in after-life.

## MUSIC.

Last Saturday's Crystal Palace concert brought forward an important composition, which had never before been performed in England—an orchestral symphony, by Joachim Raff; the fifth production of that class which is included among its composer's numerous works in various branches of the art. The symphony referred to is entitled "Lenore" and is written in illustration of Bürger's legendary poem of that name. The symphony consists of three principal divisions, under the headings of "Love and Happiness," "Farewell," and "Reunion in Death," the last of which, only, deals with the action of the poem; the others being suggestive of the earlier love and the parting of Lenore and Wilhelm before his going to the fatal battle-field. The first movement contains much calm melodious beauty; the second being a vigorous and spirited march, closing in a quiet subsidence typical of the departure of the young warrior and the desolate feeling of the solitary Lenore. The last movement is of a more demonstrative kind, being intended to illustrate all the supernatural and ghastly horrors of the terrible night ride described in the poem. With some occasional diffuseness and eccentricity, the symphony must yet be recognised as a masterly production by one of the most remarkable of living German composers. It was admirably played by the band, conducted by Mr. Manns, and was loudly applauded throughout. The other orchestral pieces at Saturday's concert were Beethoven's noble overture to "Coriolan" (not Shakspeare's tragedy, but a German drama so entitled) and the overture to Boieldieu's pretty comic opera, "Les Deux Nuits." The concert referred to included Mr. Walter Bache's first appearance at the Crystal Palace. This sterling pianist and accomplished musician played Liszt's adaptation, with orchestral accompaniments, of Weber's polonaise in E major. The piece had previously been given with great effect by the same executant at his own concert, and its performance on Saturday displayed the same merits as before. Mr. Bache was greatly applauded, and had to reappear in acknowledgment of his cordial reception. Vocal solos were contributed by Madame Otto-Alvsleben and Mr. Santley.

The Saturday performances in association with the Monday Popular Concerts began their new season last week, when the quartet party was the same as on the previous Monday—M. Sainton, Mr. L. Ries, Mr. Zerbini, and Signor Pezze. At the second Monday concert (this week) M. Strauss was the leading violinist and Signor Piatti the violoncellist; the other members of the party as before. Dr. von Bülow was the pianist on both occasions—his solo on Saturday having been Bach's Italian concerto; on Monday, Handel's suite in D minor. On the latter occasion Spohr's fine pianoforte trio in A minor was introduced for the first time here. On Saturday Miss Sterling was the vocalist, and Sir J. Benedict the accompanist. On Monday Mdle. Nita Gaetano sang and Mr. Zerbini accompanied.

This week's concerts at the Royal Albert Hall began on Monday with a ballad night, which was followed by an English night on Tuesday, when the selection included—besides various pieces by native composers—Mendelssohn's concerto in G minor, played by that accomplished pianist, Mr. Franklin Taylor, who was recalled after his performance. Wednesday was a classical night, the programme having been illustrative of the first period of Beethoven's career, including his third pianoforte concerto (in C minor), played by Miss Agnes Zimmermann, and the romance in G, by M. Sainton. On Thursday Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" ("Lobgesang") and

Rossini's "Stabat Mater," were announced, and Mr. Sims Reeves was to appear. Yesterday (Friday) evening was to be a (second) Wagner night, and Dr. von Bülow was to play Liszt's first pianoforte concerto and the same composer's Hungarian fantasia. Of these performances we must speak next week.

The Covent Garden promenade concerts are now within a week of their close. Two special performances have taken place this week. Wednesday was a Mendelssohn night, conducted by Sir Julius Benedict, whose benefit was announced for Thursday, when the first part of the programme consisted entirely of his compositions. Friday was a ballad night, and to-day (Saturday) there is to be a miscellaneous concert.

Mr. Henry Holmes's new series (the ninth) of Musical Evenings began on Wednesday, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place. The programme comprised Schubert's string quartet in G and that by Beethoven in C minor; the executants having been Mr. H. Holmes, Mr. G. H. Betjemann, Mr. Amor, and Signor Pezze. Mr. W. Macfarren was the solo pianist, and Miss E. Beasley the vocalist.

The Sacred Harmonic Society opened its forty-third season yesterday (Friday) evening with a performance of "Elijah," of which we must speak next week.

Miss Emily Mott gave her second annual evening concert at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, when a large audience was attracted by a varied and interesting programme, which included the clever singing of the concert-giver, the talented pianoforte-playing of her very youthful sister, Miss Lily Mott; and vocal performances by Mr. Sims Reeves and other eminent singers, besides solos for violin (Mr. G. H. Betjemann) and clarinet (Mr. Lazarus).

## THEATRES.

A troop of Spanish bell-ringers, under the title of "Los Ninos Campanologos," have appeared at the Gaiety. The entertainment opened with three juvenile performers, who, seated at a table covered with bells of various sizes, succeeded by dexterous manipulation in extracting from them a succession of "sweet sounds" that called forth the decided approbation of the audience. A still more juvenile performer was afterwards added to the group, whose droll appearance and stoical demeanour was the occasion of much merriment. The troupe have already appeared before the King of Portugal; and as their performance is in its way a musical curiosity, and some novel feats are achieved by them, we do not doubt of their popularity in this country.

The Alexandra reopened on Saturday night, under the management of Mr. George Owen. Mrs. Owen appeared as Leah, infusing into the character considerable pathos; but, unfortunately, the overcrowded state of the house caused the audience to be uproarious, and a portion of the dialogue was unintelligible. The minor characters were adequately filled.

"The Loan of a Lover" has been revived at the Haymarket for the purpose of introducing Miss Walton in the character of Gertrude. The lady possesses high personal qualifications, and manifests considerable aptitude for the part. She was well received by the audience.

Miss Helen Faucit (Mrs. Theodore Martin) will give a representation of Beatrice in Shakspeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, at the Haymarket Theatre, granted for the occasion by Mr. Buckstone, in aid of the funds of the Royal General Theatrical Society. Many eminent performers have tendered their services, with the view of making the representation worthy of the occasion.

## MUSICAL PUBLICATIONS.

In continuation of their valuable and extensive series entitled the "Royal Edition of Operas," Messrs. Boosey and Co. have brought out an interesting volume of "English Ballad Operas," containing "The Beggar's Opera," "No Song, No Supper," "Rosina," and "Love in a Village." The beautiful tunes comprehended in these pieces—some of the melodies being traditional, others original compositions by Storace, Shield, Arne, and other native composers—were long the delight of our ancestors, and still possess that charm which will always attach to a genuine expression of feeling and sentiment. The music is edited, with new symphonies and accompaniments, by Mr. J. L. Hatton, and the dramatic text has been revised by Mr. John Oxenford. The volume is valuable to a degree largely disproportioned to the insignificant price at which it is published.

Mr. Henry Smart's song, "Victoria" (Messrs. R. Cocks and Co.), is a very effective setting of some lines by Mr. W. Clark Russell, in which due homage is rendered to the merits and virtues of England's Queen. The melody has the true patriotic tone, and the accompaniment is in good keeping therewith, both being devoid of executive difficulty. For the convenience of voices of different calibre it is published in two editions—one in the key of G, the other in B flat. Mr. J. L. Molloy's songs, "Fair Clytie" and "Sweet Molly Moreland" (also published by Messrs. Cocks and Co.), each possesses a taking melody, appropriately accompanied, expressive simplicity being the characteristic of both. A very moderate compass of voice will suffice for the execution of these pleasing pieces. The name of Franz Abt is well known in association with a large collection of highly successful vocal pieces, to the number of which is added his song, "Mary's Eventide," the melody of which is of a very graceful character, well suited for a sympathetic tenor voice of average extent. "Where I would be," song, by Miss M. Lindsay (Mrs. J. Worthington Bliss), has a flowing vocal theme, and requires expression rather than execution in the rendering. The compass used is but an octave, a range that is possessed by the smallest voices. Two pleasing and easy songs by Anne Fricker—"Nightingale" and "Village Bells"—may be mentioned in the present list of Messrs. Cocks and Co.'s recent publications, which also includes an effective transcription, by Mr. Brinley Richards, for pianoforte solo, of Miss Lindsay's song, "When the ship comes home;" and a similar arrangement, by Mr. W. S. Rockstro, of the Scotch melodies, "Flow gently, sweet Afton," and "A hundred pipers."

Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co. have recently added Verdi's "Ernani" to their valuable collection entitled the "Octavo Edition of Operas." The work derived a fresh interest from its revival at the Royal Italian Opera during the season of 1873, with Madame Adelina Patti as Elvira. Like the other numbers of Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co.'s series, "Ernani" is neatly printed, in portable form, at the price of half a crown. The musical editing has been efficiently fulfilled by Mr. Berthold Tours, and an English text (in addition to the original Italian) supplied by Madame Macfarren.

Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co. have also published a neat and inexpensive octavo edition of Mr. Henry Smart's cantata, "The Bride of Dunkerron," originally produced at the Birmingham Festival of 1864, and performed at the recent Leeds Festival, as recorded by us in reference to that occasion. The same publishers have also issued a series of

sacred songs, entitled "Sabbath Recreations," by Mr. C. J. Frost, which are characterised by much serious feeling combined with simplicity of style. They will no doubt be welcome in domestic circles.

"Sonetto di Dante Alighieri" is a setting by Dr. Hans von Bülow of lines by the Italian poet, in which the great German pianist has proved that his musical tastes and sympathies are not limited to that branch of the art in which he has become so famous. The song is charming in its melodious simplicity and the grace and delicacy of the accompaniment. The publishers (Messrs. Stanley Lucas, Weber, and Co.) have also issued the same composer's "Intermezzo Scherzoso," for the pianoforte—a brilliant piece of impulsive vivacity which has been played with great effect by its composer.

"The Forest Witch" ("Die Waldhexe") and "Here's to the Gentle Mary!" ("Auf den Wohl trink ich") are two highly characteristic songs by Anton Rubinstein, in which a singer of declamatory rather than executive powers may produce much effect. As in the songs of Schubert and Schumann, the pianoforte accompaniment is a very important feature. These, and the interesting series of twelve songs by the same composer to text from the Persian of Mirza Schaffy, are published by Messrs. Stanley Lucas, Weber, and Co. The same publishers have also issued some graceful vocal pieces by Mr. H. A. Rudall. "Any like thee," "Like an island in a river," "Bright, dark, blue, grey," and "Ask me not to look and love" are all settings of words from Bailey's "Festus," each having its agreeable distinctive characteristic, and lying within average vocal compass. From the same publishers we also have three numbers of a set of four-part songs for mixed voices by Mr. Henry Leslie, "The Lullaby of Life," "The Rainbow," and "The Angel's Visit," each being a piece of flowing vocal harmony with a pianoforte accompaniment. "The Captain's Song" (words by W. C. Bennett) is a vigorous nautical ditty, also by Mr. Leslie. Dr. E. T. Chipp's song, "The Curfew," is an effective setting of Longfellow's lines, the detached chords in the accompaniment being well suited to the intended expression. The "Old Farewell Song," by the same composer (words from the German), is a very graceful piece, with a particularly well-written accompaniment.

Messrs. Lucas and Weber have also recently published a pianoforte fantasia by Mr. W. Kuhe, in which the principal subjects of Glinka's Russian opera, "La vie pour le Czar," are very effectively treated. The same publishers are issuing an interesting monthly general catalogue, on the principle of that which has long existed in Germany under the title of "Monatsbericht," giving a list of the principal works that appear from time to time both here and abroad.

Messrs. Hammond and Co. (late M. Jullien's) have long been renowned for their extensive catalogue of dance-music, to which they have recently added many popular productions bearing celebrated German names. Among these are some spirited pieces by Gung'l—"Schön Susan," a capital polka, and "Unter den Linden" and "Nouvelles," two groups of animated waltzes. Messrs. Hammond and Co., however, do not confine themselves to dance music. We have also from them several vocal pieces of more or less merit—"I see thee in my dreams," a smoothly-written ballad by P. Calkin; a rather pretty echo song, "Only a dream," by R. Harvey; besides some pianoforte pieces—"The Wish," a graceful romance, and "Robin Adair," an ornamented arrangement of the well-known Scotch air, both by the composer of the song last named.

The same publishers have likewise brought out several effective new pianoforte pieces by Gustave Lange—"Die Libelle" (Idylle), "An der Wiege" (Tonstick), "Wanda" and "Zephyrine," two mazurkas, in all of which there is much graceful fancy, with some brilliant, although not difficult, passage-writing. Herr Lange has also arranged for the pianoforte the mazurka from Glinka's opera, "La Vie pour le Czar."

"Rhineland," a song by Miss Amy Weddle (published by C. Jeffreys), has a clearly defined melody, with strongly-marked rhythm, supported by an accompaniment (consisting of chords) which adds to the boldness of the general effect.

## THE PUBLISHING TRADE.

The reading public will have no occasion to complain this season of the want of a good supply of literature, for besides the many works already published the following new books were submitted to the booksellers yesterday week at Mr. Murray's annual trade dinner, and were freely bought, as the annexed list will show:—

Upwards of 5000 copies of "Dr. Livingstone's Last Journals" were disposed of. The work is expected to be ready next month. 1300, the diary of his Majesty the Shah of Persia during his tour in Europe in 1873; 3200, fifth volume of the Speaker's Commentary on the Bible, and 350 sets of the previous four volumes; 600, Sir Henry Maine's new work on early institutions; 1400, Dr. William Smith's first volume of his dictionary of Christian antiquities; 800, Dr. Schleimann's work on the discovery of Troy; 200, Canon Swainson on the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds; 450, the new edition of the first volume of Dr. Percy's "Metallurgy"; 400, Sir Henry Rawlinson's work on Russia and England in the East; 200, Mr. Ernest George's "Etchings on the Loire and South of France"; 500, the new edition of Kugler's "Handbook of Painting," edited by Lady Eastlake; 1400, Mr. Darwin's "Descent of Man," revised and cheaper edition; 520, Mr. Macgregor's "Cruise of the Rob Roy on the Jordan," fifth edition; 800, Mr. Campbell's "Student's Edition of Austin's Jurisprudence"; 350, Dr. William Smith's "Atlas of Ancient Geography," complete in one volume; 3000, Mr. Smiles's new and popular edition of his "Lives of the Engineers"; 200, Mr. Beresford-Hope's work on "Worship in the Church of England"; 300, new edition of Mr. Nasmyth and Mr. Carpenter's work on the moon. During the evening the following numbers were taken of many well-known works, such as:—1000, Byron's poetical works; 1100, Dr. Child's "Benedictine"; 1300, Dean Stanley's works; 5000, Mr. Smiles's "Self-Help" and "Character"; 14,000, Dr. Smith's smaller histories; 2200, Dr. Smith's Bible dictionaries; 3900, Dr. Smith's classical dictionaries; 8500, Dr. Smith's Latin dictionaries; 34,000, Dr. Smith's "Educational Course," in English, French, Latin, and Greek; 1250, Sir Charles Lyell's works; 9500, Lady Callcott's "Little Arthur's England"; 7500, Mrs. Markham's histories; 12,300, Murray's students' manuals, a series of historical class-books for advanced scholars; 1350, Professor Newth's "First Principles of Natural Philosophy"; 800, James's edition of Aesop's fables; 1180, Lord Mahon's "History of England"; 2530, Grote's "History of Greece"; 1850, Canon Robertson's "History of the Church"; 2100, Hallam's historical works; and 2400, Dean Milman's historical works. Of Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet on the "Vatican Decrees," 16,000 copies have been printed.—Times.

The Emperor of Austria has conferred, through the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, the order of the Iron Crown, third class, on Mr. John Shaw, manager of the South-Eastern Railway.



## WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will and codicil, dated Nov. 28, 1868, and Oct. 22, 1872, of Anne, Marchioness of Thomond, formerly of No. 20, Royal Crescent, Bath, but late of No. 39, Grosvenor-place, who died on the 22nd ult., were proved on the 10th inst. by the Hon. Spencer Dudley Montagu and Henry Holland Burne, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £40,000. The testatrix, among many other legacies, gives to her butler, Robert Bowles, £100, her parrot with its cages, and £25 in addition to meet any expenses the bird may put him to; to the Paralytic and Epileptic Hospital, Bloomsbury, and the Adult Orphan Asylum, Regent's Park, £200 each; to the Bath General Hospital, the Bath United Hospital, the Monmouth-street Society, Bath, the Idiot Asylum, Bath, and the Blind School Home in the Vineyards, Bath, £100 each; and to the Eye Infirmary, Belvedere, Bath, and the Western Dispensary, £50 each, all free of duty.

The will, dated Aug. 15, 1872, of James Blyth, formerly of Coombe Lodge, Whitchurch, Oxfordshire, but late of Ray Cottage, Maidenhead, who died on the 2nd ult., was proved on the 5th inst. by Walter Henry Maudslay, Warner John Lloyd Heriot, and Mrs. Mary Kate Blyth, the widow of the deceased, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £140,000. The testator devises to his son James his freehold township of Blyth, near Toronto, and all his other lands and tenements in Canada; he bequeaths to his wife all his furniture and household effects, and two pecuniary legacies amounting together to £22,000; to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Heriot, an annuity of £300; to each of his sons, £10,000; and to each of his daughters, £5,000. The income of all the rest of his property is to be paid to his wife for life: at her death the residue is to be divided between all his children, so that his younger sons shall each take double the share, and his eldest son three times the amount of the share, of each of his daughters.

The will, dated Feb. 18, 1864, of John Thompson, late of Albion-terrace, Chelsea, and of Belmont St. Peter, Margate, who died Sept. 14 last, was proved on the 3rd inst. by Mrs. Georgiana Grace Mary Thompson, the widow, and William Duncan Watson, the surviving executors, the personal estate being sworn under £60,000. The testator bequeaths to his executor, Mr. Watson, £100; to his wife, his household furniture, £100, and an annuity of £400; £5 to each of his servants, and the residue of his real and personal estate between his five daughters and the widow and children of his deceased son John.

The will, dated Nov. 7, 1871, of Miss Charlotte Rawlins, late of No. 232, Upper-road, Islington, who died Nov. 10, 1873, was proved on the 6th inst. by Burroughs Dickie Kershaw, Robert M'Kergow, and Alfred Goad, the executors, the personalty being sworn under £20,000. The testatrix gives numerous legacies, and the residue to her nephew William Francis Rawlins.

The will, dated Dec. 6, 1872, of Sir Henry Webb, Bart., formerly of Oldstock, Wilts, who died, at Esslingen, Wurtemberg, on Aug. 19 last, was proved on the 6th inst. by Mrs. Catherine Barbara Stöger, the sole executrix, and who is also the residuary legatee, the personalty being sworn under £5000.

In the abstract of the will of Lieutenant-General the Hon. James Lindsay, which appeared on the 7th inst., the name of one of the executors was given as Gruning instead of Gunning.

## THE LORD MAYOR'S DUTIES.

In the good old days the government of London was of Spartan severity. To repress crime, and poverty, and rascality was the aim of all good citizens. Each ward had its alderman and common council, and its ward clerk and beadle, for that very purpose. As we go higher we come to the Court of Aldermen and Common Council, and the Common Hall, and of them all the Lord Mayor is the head.

At once, then, we see that his duties, if he be what he should be, are anything but light. He has to preside at the sittings of the Court of Aldermen, at those of the Court of Common Council, and at the Common Hall. At all these, matters pertaining to the rights, the interests, the trade, and the health of the City are discussed, and sometimes it is no easy matter to keep order between disputants so tenacious of their rights and so heedless of those of others. Within the City the Lord Mayor takes precedence after the Sovereign, and on the occasion of the death of the latter he is summoned to the Privy Council, where he signs first the declaration of the title of the new Sovereign. He is Judge of the Court of Hustings, Chief Commissioner of the Central Criminal Court, which he visits twice during each session, and presides over the London sessions held at the Guildhall. He is Escheator-General of London and Southwark when there is anything escheatable—a matter of very rare occurrence. He has to sign daily proofs of affidavits to notarial documents; which may be required here or for transmission to the colonies; to attend, when necessary, at committees of the municipal bodies, and the meeting of the Sewers Commissioners, of which he is, ex officio, chief.

Besides, he sits regularly in his own justice-room in the Mansion House three hours or more daily to administer the law. Many of the cases brought before him in the latter capacity will require much of his Lordship's time and attention. Many will be cases in which vast commercial interests are concerned, to understand which a good deal of commercial knowledge is required, on which decisions may not be given lightly or on the spur of the moment. Often, also, his Lordship will be required to sit privately to adjust differences as an arbitrator. His clerks may be clever and learned, he may have good advisers; but he will have to master each case himself.—*City Press.*

Mr. John Wilkin having resigned his seat at the board of the General Steam Navigation Company, which he had held since its formation in 1824, Mr. Martin Pratt, secretary of the company, has been elected a director in his place. Mr. Richard Cattarns, jun., has been appointed secretary.

It is proposed to construct a railway up Snowden on the plan of the Riga line in Switzerland. Notices have been issued of a bill to be brought before Parliament next Session for that purpose. The line will begin near Llanberis railway station, and end at the well-known spring 900 yards from the summit.

Hospital Sunday was instituted at Dublin on Sunday last, when collections were made in about 130 churches of the city and vicinity. All sects, except the Catholics, joined in the movement. The general collection for the Catholic University was also made in all the churches of that denomination in the city, and a pastoral from Cardinal Cullen was read, in which he asserted that materialism and scepticism were taught under the name of science in the national schools, and that, to save the young from being imbued with false doctrines, it was necessary to establish thoroughly Catholic primary schools. At a children's meeting, conducted by Messrs. Moody and Sankey, on Saturday, £61 was collected for the hospitals; and at their service on Sunday £201 was contributed.

## CHESS.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications relating to this department of the paper should be addressed to the Editor, and have the word "Chess" written on the envelope.

J.G.C.—The corrected version shall be examined.  
H. STEVENSON.—1. Yes; certainly. 2. Five-move positions are not popular. 3. The solution sent is incorrect.  
STUDENT.—The "Synopsis of the Chess Openings" can be obtained from the publisher, W. W. Morgan; price, we believe, 2s. 6d.  
C.W.—Accept our best thanks for the problem.  
B.K.B.—The solution is wrong.  
TRIAL.—1. The game terminated as you suggest. 2. The solution will not do.  
PROBLEM No. 1603.—Correct solutions received from E. Frau, Miss Jane D. Wee Me, Pa. T. E. Hyde, Jos. de Raay, J. B. Watson, H. Stevenson, C. S. H. D. A. Petrie, A. Lincolnshire, Clodhopper, G. H. C. Peckniff, E. Titchmarsh, I. Ache, Tredunn, E. R. Shillito, Barrow Hedges, G. H. M. Brigg, F. A. Morgan, Not Philidor, L. L. W. V. G. D., E. H. V., East Marden, North London Chess Club, Kalfat, H. R. V.

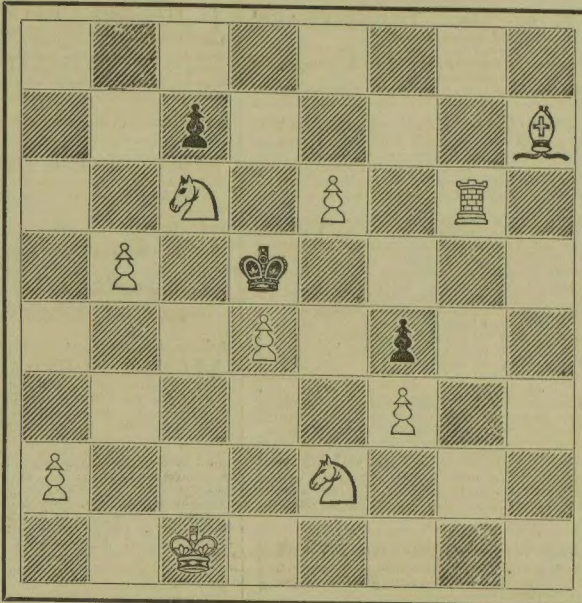
## SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1603.

WHITE. BLACK. WHITE. BLACK.  
1. Kt to K B 4th K takes Kt \* † 2. Kt to K 6th. Mate.  
\* 1. R takes Kt (ch) † 1. Kt to K 2nd. Mate. B to Q B 4th  
† 1. P to K 7th (ch) The other variations are obvious.  
2. Kt takes P. Mate.

## PROBLEM No. 1605.

By Mr. F. HEALEY.

## BLACK.



## WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

## CHESS BY CORRESPONDENCE.

The annexed Games were recently played by correspondence in the Tourney of the British Chess Association, between the Rev. C. E. RANKEN and Mr. THOROLD.—(King's Bishop's Gambit.)

## GAME I.

WHITE (Mr. R.) BLACK (Mr. T.)  
1. P to K 4th P to K 4th  
2. P to K B 4th P takes P  
3. B to Q B 4th P to Q 4th  
4. B takes P Kt to K B 3rd  
This is, we think, decidedly inferior to  
4. Q to K R 5th (ch), followed by 5. P to K  
Kt 4th.  
5. Kt to Q B 3rd  
According to the authors of *Theorie und  
Praxis* this is White's best move; but he  
may also play 5. Kt to K B 3rd and 6. Q to  
K 2nd.  
5. B to Q Kt 5th  
We prefer 5. B to Q 3rd at this point. The  
continuation would probably be:—  
6. P to Q 4th B to Q 3rd  
7. K Kt to K 2nd P to B 6th  
8. P takes P Kt to K R 4th  
and Black has the advantage.  
6. Kt to K B 3rd P to Q B 3rd  
This was an error. He ought to have cap-  
tured the Knight at once; e.g.:—  
6. Q takes Kt P to Q B 3rd  
7. Q P takes B (best) P to Q B 3rd  
8. B to Q B 4th P to Kt 4th  
9. K takes P Castles  
10. Q takes P Kt takes P  
11. R to K sq, and the game is about even.  
7. B to Q Kt 3rd Castles  
H-d he now captured the Knight, White  
would have retaken with Kt P, and then  
have played B to Q R 3rd if Black took the  
King's Pawn with Knight.  
8. P to Q 3rd Kt to K R 4th  
9. Castles P to K Kt 4th  
10. Q Kt to K 2nd B to K Kt 5th  
Better, perhaps, to have played 10. B to  
K 3rd  
and White mates in two moves.

Between the same Players.—(Irregular Opening.)

## GAME II.

WHITE (Mr. T.) BLACK (Mr. R.)  
1. P to K B 4th P to K 3rd  
2. Kt to K B 3rd P to K B 4th  
3. P to K 3rd P to Kt 3rd  
4. B to K 2nd B to Kt 2nd  
5. Castles Kt to K 2nd  
6. P to Q B 3rd P to Q 4th  
7. P to Q 4th Q to K B 2nd  
Possibly 7. P to Q Kt 3rd would have been  
better.  
8. Kt to Q R 3rd Castles  
9. B to Q 2nd P to Q R 3rd  
10. P to Q B 4th  
This strikes us as somewhat premature.  
He ought to have played R to B sq first.  
10. P takes Q P  
11. Kt takes P P to K 4th  
12. P takes K P B takes P  
13. P to K R 3rd Q Kt to B 3rd  
14. B to K B 3rd P takes P  
15. Kt takes P R to Q sq  
Here Black, we think, missed his way. By  
playing 15. Kt takes Kt, following it up with  
16. B to R 7th (ch), and 17. Kt to K B 4th, he  
must, we believe, obtain some advantage.  
16. Kt takes B Q takes Kt  
17. R to K B 3rd  
Some interesting variations spring from  
White's playing at this stage 17. Q to Q  
Kt 3rd.  
17. Q to K Kt 4th  
18. Q to K sq Kt takes Kt  
19. B takes Kt Kt to K B 4th  
20. Q to Q R 5th  
An excellent move, threatening some very  
unpleasant contingencies.  
20. P to Q Kt 4th  
21. Q to R B 7th R to K sq  
22. Q R to K B sq B to K 3rd  
Possibly it would have been better to  
play 22. Q to K 2nd.  
23. Q to K 5th P to K B 3rd  
24. Q takes B P Q takes Q  
25. B takes Q B takes R P  
The best, if not the only play, to win. The  
whole of this end game is admirably con-  
ducted by Mr. Ranken.  
26. B takes B R takes B  
27. R to K 2nd R to Q B 5th  
28. B takes Kt R takes B  
29. B to K 3rd R takes R P  
30. B to Q B 3rd B to Q B 5th  
31. B to K 2nd R to Q B 5th  
32. B to K 2nd R to K 4th  
33. R to K 4th R to K 3rd  
34. K to B 2nd R to Q Kt 4th  
35. B to Q B 3rd R to Kt 5th (ch)  
36. B to K B 2nd K to B 4th  
37. B takes P R to Q Kt sq  
38. R to K 2nd R to Q B 5th  
39. B takes Kt R takes B  
40. B to Q 3rd R takes R P  
41. B takes R P B to Q B 5th  
The best, if not the only play, to win. The  
whole of this end game is admirably con-  
ducted by Mr. Ranken.  
42. B takes B R takes B  
43. B to K 3rd R to Q 4th  
44. R to Kt 2nd R to K 4th  
45. K to B 4th K to K 3rd  
46. R to Kt 3rd R to B 4th (ch)  
47. K to K 4th R to Q Kt 4th  
48. R to Kt 2nd R to Kt 5th (ch)  
49. K to Q 3rd K to B 4th  
50. K to B 3rd R to Q Kt sq  
51. P to Q Kt 4th P to K R 5th,  
and White resigned.

## MATCH BETWEEN MESSRS. WISKER AND MACDONNELL.

Since our last, Mr. Wisker has won two games, and one has been drawn. The score at present stands:—Mr. Wisker, 4; Mr. Macdonnell, 2; Drawn, 3.

## THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

Sir George Airy, the Astronomer Royal, communicated to the Royal Astronomical Society, yesterday week, the latest information concerning the expeditions for making observations of the transit of Venus. He began by remarking that the observations of the planet Venus on the meridian agreed, so far, pretty well with the various tables on which the predictions of the transit were founded. There was a doubt in his mind some time ago as to the time the phenomenon would occur, owing to the looseness of the records of Bradley's observations and the difficulty of ascertaining whether Bradley had observed the limb or the centre of the planet. He (Sir George) had supposed that Bradley had observed the limb, but Leverrier asserted that Bradley had observed the centre as well; and it must be admitted, from the recent observations, that Leverrier was right. The British arrangements, said the Astronomer Royal, had been in no way altered with regard to the districts chosen for observation; but the observations would be multiplied to a certain extent in some of the chosen districts.

But there was one station which ought to be named in precedence of those conducted under the authority of the Government. He meant that of the Mauritius, where the observations would be made by Lord Lindsay. By the last despatches received Lord Lindsay had not himself arrived, but was expected in a few days. But Lieutenant Gill had arrived there with forty-three chronometers, and they had also been carried twice to another station—the Island of Rodrigue; and he (the Astronomer-Royal) hoped they would get as good an enchainment between the Mauritius and Rodrigue as chronometers could give.

In regard to the other stations, that of Egypt he would mention first. After consultation with gentlemen who know the country, he came to the conclusion that Alexandria was not the best place for the fundamental astronomical station there; and, all things considered, Cairo was thought to be the best—not the city of Cairo, but a place in the hills between Cairo and the Red Sea. There would be no difficulty in adopting Thebes as a secondary station for the photographers. Through the influence of the Foreign Office, the British expedition, which had arrived some time since, had been received everywhere with the utmost goodwill. Mr. Hunter would take charge of the station at Alexandria, for the purpose of maintaining the communications between England and these stations. Each station had been provided with the means of determining its own longitude, but as there was a telegraph between England and Alexandria this would be used also, provided a direct communication could be obtained; but otherwise he must say, from his experience with telegraphic longitudes, he abominated them entirely, and preferred the independent method by lunar observations. If they had good weather he had no doubt the Egyptian expedition would go on well.

The next station was that of the Sandwich Islands, under the special charge of Captain Tupman, the general manager of the affairs of the transit of Venus. Honolulu had been chosen from the first as one of the most important stations, and it was thought the French would have strengthened this station on the side of the Marquesas Islands; but as they had not done so, besides Honolulu two other stations had been fixed on in Owyhee and another island. There were hopes of getting a fundamental determination of longitude at Honolulu. The last advices from the Sandwich Islands was that Captain Tupman had arrived, and had been received in state by the King of the islands and principal officers of state, and the King had prepared a written answer to the representations made by Captain Tupman. Captain Tupman and some of his assistants were lodged in a house belonging to some of the Royal family; and there was no doubt they were well received and that every facility would be given them. No information had yet been received of any astronomical operations on the islands.

The next station in order was that in the island of Rodrigue. There was no anchorage for ships at this island, but plenty of inhabitants, who would doubtless take care of the expedition in a rough way. All the instruments had been landed in boats, over a coral reef scarcely covered with water, so that the boats "bumped," but the instruments remained uninjured; but then they had to be hauled up the cliffs by means of guy-ropes. Everything, however, seemed to be going on well. The ship which took out the forty-three chronometers to the Mauritius had been to Rodrigue twice with them, but only a limited number were landed, and then the ship had gone back, so that a good intermediate determination of longitude could be obtained between the Mauritius and Rodrigue.

The next station was that of New Zealand. The difficulty of communication with this expedition was very great, and he had only received hitherto one telegraphic despatch, which had come to the owners of the ship that carried them out. They had arrived safely, and that was all he at present knew. They had instruments to determine their own longitude, and they were to take advantage of the telegraph which ran the length of the southern of the New Zealand islands, so as to determine the difference of their longitude with Wellington; and, on the other hand, they were to communicate by telegraph with the German expedition, which would be located at the extreme south-west point of the same island; in fact, it had been a great point through the whole arrangements to interconnect all the stations, British and foreign, as completely as possible.

Then came the fifth station, at Kerguelen's Land, and in carrying out this expedition some delay had arisen, and two months had been lost. The ship that was to have conveyed the party from Rodrigue to Kerguelen's Land broke down, and another ship had to be sent all the way from England to their assistance. This other ship had to be put on the slips at the Cape, and that caused further delay; but the latest information now was that on Sept. 18 they were fairly started. One consequence of the delay was that the American and German expeditions would arrive first and take their choice of stations.

In conclusion, the Astronomer Royal said his information as to the operations of foreign countries was defective; but he believed the French would have expeditions to St. Paul's Island, Campbell Island, to the south of New Zealand, and Pekin. The French seemed to have given up two stations—the Marquesas Islands and New Caledonia. The probabilities were that, owing to weather or other causes, the observations would not be secured at more than half the stations, but if they secured them at half the stations he should be quite satisfied. The English stations were nine in number—viz., two in Egypt, three in the Sandwich Islands, one at Rodrigue Island, one in New Zealand, and two in Kerguelen's Land. The officer in charge at Kerguelen's Land had special instructions to make longitude connections with all the stations that could be brought within reach, whether German, American, French, or British; and he (Sir George) had no doubt he would do it well.

\*Lord Lindsay, by the last letters received from the Mauritius, had arrived there safe and well.

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